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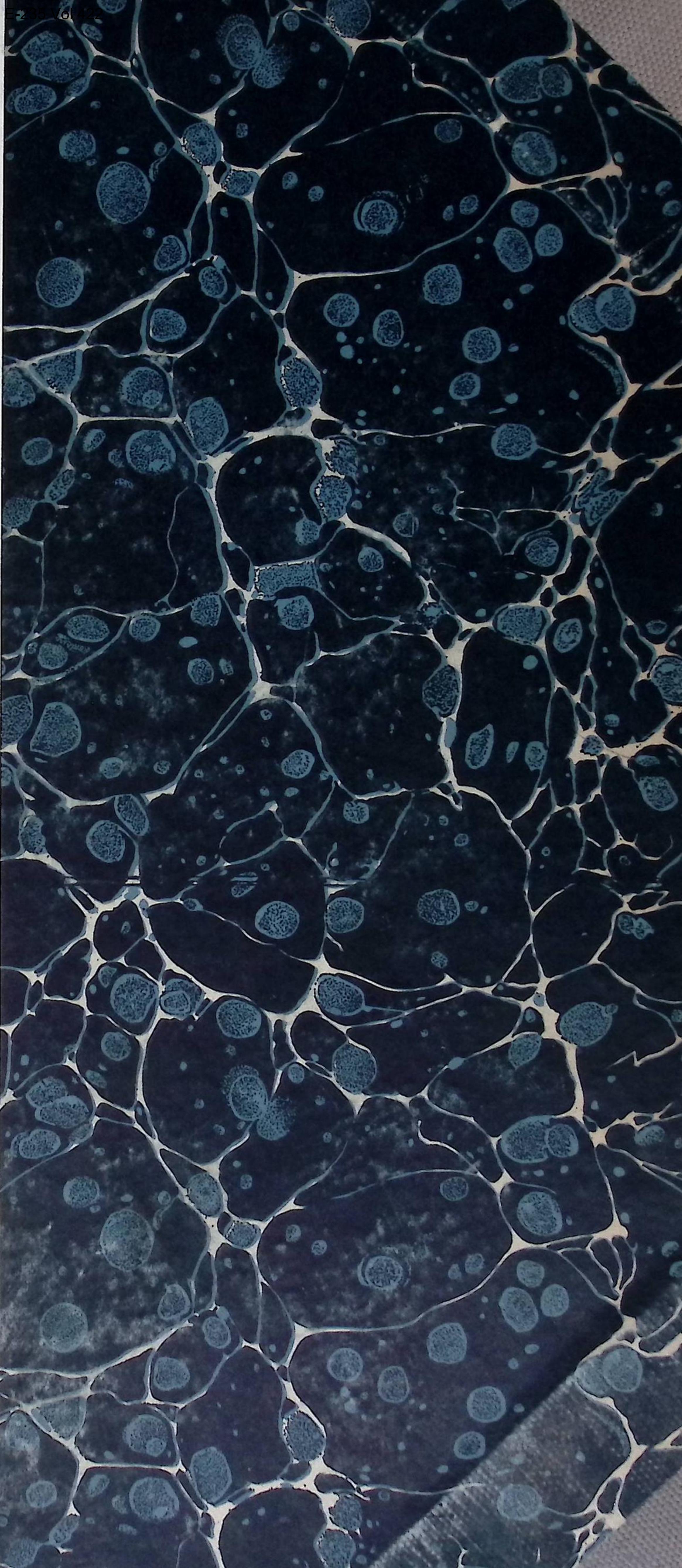

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

**WHERE WRITTEN:**

Washington,

January 2 1917

American Smelting & Refining Company
120 Broadway, New York City.

Your report page two Advise location United States Metals Company From whom do they receive metals Wire immediately

von Engelken

Director Mint

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS.**
**GOVERNMENT RATES.**
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent expenses Mint Bureau 1917
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

January 2, 1917.

The First National Bank,
St. Augustine, Florida.
Attention of Mr. Lamar.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your letters of the 29th and 30th of December.

I note from your letter of the 30th that you have received the circular I sent you relative to the redemption of money. For your future guidance, I might say that all paper money is put up in packages of 4,000 pieces. This means, of course, in the case of ones, $4,000.00; twos $8,000.00, etc.

If you desire to have ones instead of twos I will see what can be done about this when your requisition on the Treasurer is received here. I would advise you, however, in case we are not successful in securing new ones alone, that you make use of the twos as far as you can, since any small money seems to be in most urgent demand all over the country.

As regards the silver, if you had communicated with me when you were in difficulty the matter would have been arranged without the slighest trouble.

However, I will see that you are supplied with what you need in the future.

I am leaving tonight for Columbia, Missouri, where I am to deliver some addresses. During my absence your matter will be handled by my secretary here, and I think you will find things will go through without a hitch.

I am very glad indeed to have been able to be of some service to you, and if at any time you can avail yourself of my position here in the Treasury do not hesitate to do so.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

v E-W.

January 2, 1916.

SUBJECT: Nicaraguan Coinage.

National Bank of Nicaragua, Inc.,
20 - 24 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to to your letter of the 20th instant the following is submitted as to the cost of coinage proposed for the Government of Nicaragua:- Bronze One Centavos and One-half Centavos.

Cost of coinage, $2.20 per thousand pieces. This price includes the cost of working dies. If the metal is to be supplied it will cost $2.00 per thousand pieces for the 1/2 Centavo coin and $3.00 per thousand pieces for the One Centavo coin.

It is understood that the master dies are to be supplied by the Government of Nicaragua.

Boxes or kegs for packing will be extra.

It is further understood that the alloy for this coinage is 94-3/4% copper, 4% tin, and 1-1/4% zinc. The proportion of tin in this alloy is more than twice as high as that in United States bronze coin, and will make a very hard alloy.

The metal required for this coinage, in the proportions above given, will be copper, 7,519.7932 lbs. av.; tin, 317.4583 lbs. av.; and zinc, 99.2057 lbs. av.

The tolerance on the above coins is to be two grains on each piece.

The specimen coins sent by you are returned herewith, and should be transmitted to the Mint at Philadelphia, if the coinage is eventually executed at that institution.

The coinage can be executed about six weeks after the receipt of the order and the master dies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 2, 1917.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

I have your letter of December 28th.

I know of nothing which you can do at the present time that would advance your cause in any way at this end. Mr. McFadden, when here, suggested that you could get the endorsement of your Senators, and if you have not already done so, I would suggest that you do it immediately. Send the endorsements here to me that I may see that they get into Captain Smith's hands. I will keep in touch with the situation and advise you as matters progress.

With the compliments of the season, I am

Yours sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Charles P. Pratt,
Candler Building,
Atlanta, Ga.

v E-W.

January 2, 1917.

My dear Mr. Kirk:

Relative to the conversation I had with you when in New York last regarding some one available for your use in Belgium in connection with the work of your Foundation:

The only man I have been able to find who would seem at all to fill the bill is a Mr. C. T. Schwegler, of No. 1829 "F" Street, Northwest, Washington. Mr. Schwegler was born in Switzerland and came to this country at the age of 20, was naturalized in Kansas City in 1885, and is at the present time 54 years of age. He is a linguist of ability and is also an expert accountant. He has been in the Government service for a number of years both in this city and in Panama. He has referred me to Mr. Edward J. Williams, who was at one time the Disbursing Officer of the Isthmian Canal Commission, and is at the present time the Treasurer of the Belgian Relief Committee in New York.

If you would be at all interested in Mr. Schwegler, you might communicate with Mr. Williams and see whether Mr. Williams would consider him the kind of man you could use.

I have asked Mr. Schwegler to communicate with you direct, as I am leaving today for the west for a week or ten days.

With cordial regards to yourself and family, and with best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Robert H. Kirk,
Controller, Rockefeller Foundation,
61 Broadway, New York City.

v E-W

January 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Distribution of annual report.

Mr. A. J. Eddy,
The Temple,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 22nd ultimo, I have taken pleasure in forwarding you a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916.

I am informed by the Comptroller of the Currency that during the year ended September 30, 1916, the reported transactions of all clearing houses of the United States aggregated $241,400,000,000.It may be possible for you to obtain a fairly reliable estimate of the volume of instruments of credit, used annually, upon application to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Respectfully,

F.J.H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

FHC-W.

January 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Proof coins.

Mr. F. Lee Whittlesey,
No. 202, West Church St.,
Corry, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 29th, you are informed that the preparation and issue of proof coins has been discontinued.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint

By

Acting Director.

O-W.

January 3, 1917.

Mrs. Roy Eades,
Miami, Arizona.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the one-cent piece received with your letter of the 28th of December. In reply thereto you are informed that the Government does not pay a premium upon any issue of coins, nor are any coins being called in.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W

Enclosure.

January 3rd. 1917.

SUBJECT: New silver coinage.

Mr. Erwin Adams,
521 Elm Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sir:

At the request of Hon. Nicholas Longworth, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a circular issued by this Department, giving description of the designs of the new silver coins.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W.

Enclosure.

January 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits of gold.

Mr. J. R. Rogers,
Box 72,
Adrian, Georgia.

Sir:

Your letter of December 29th and the scrap gold referred to therein have been received. The gold has been forwarded to the Mint at Philadelphia which will, in due course, forward you direct check for the value thereof less treatment charges.

Respectfully,
F.J.H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F.H.Chaffin
Acting Director.

O-W

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January 3, 1917.

Mrs. Frances Bowers,
College Springs, Iowa.

Madam:

I am returning you herewith the Confederate fifty-dollar note enclosed with your letter of the 29th ultimo, and regret to advise you that it has value only as a curio.

Respectfully,
F. J.H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W.

Enclosure.

January 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: New silver coinage.

Hon. Nicholas Longworth,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing a letter from Mr. Erwin Adams, 521 Elm Street, Cincinnati. I have taken pleasure in forwarding Mr. Adams a copy of the circular issued by this Department which gives a description of the designs of the new silver coins, advising him that it is sent at your request.

Respectfully,

F.J.H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W.

January 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Catalog of Coins, Tokens & Medals, etc.

Mr. Shelley W. Denton,
55 Bromfield St.,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 29th you are informed that a copy of the "Catalog of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Philadelphia Mint" can be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at a cost of $1.00

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W

January 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold dollars.

Miss Emma Maass,
No. 582, Glenmore Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 2nd instant, you are informed that there are no gold dollars in the Treasury Department nor are there any in the Mints. Those who have them hold them at a premium.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

C-W

January 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Motto on coins.

Mr. C. H. Mabee,
Hotel Statler,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of January 1st:

I am not able to interpret for you the motto "In God we Trust" on the coins of this country. It would appear to have the significance which the individual himself attaches to the motto.

Respectfully,
F. J.H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

January 4, 1917.

Mr. F. J. H. von Engelken
C/, Mr. Jewell Mayes
Secretary Board Agriculture
Columbia, Missouri.

Demands for halves heavy east and west. Denver's balances two hundred seventy-five thousand. Drawing heavily on them today. San Francisco balance one hundred twenty thousand dollars. Has distributed one hundred seventy four thousand principally through Federal Bank. Philadelphia overdrawn on halves twenty-nine thousand. Delivered twenty thousand yesterday. Will increase output to sixty thousand daily. Joyce easing up on minor and dimes and favoring quarters and halves until demand is met.

Chaffin

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

January 4, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of samples of ores.

Mr. F. K. Surprenant,
499 West 135th Street,
New York City.
C/o R. W. Moore.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant and $1.00 enclosed therewith, you are informed that the samples of ore forwarded by you have been sent to the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La., with the request that he make the assay desired by you and make report thereof to you direct.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

W

January 4, 1917.

SUBJECT: Token coins.

Mr. Fred Denecke,
No. 556, East 82nd Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of December 30, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for reply, and I have to inform you that the coin to which you refer is a token coin, many of which were issued during the civil war.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F. H. Chaffin
Acting Director.

FHC-W.

January 4, 1917.

SUBJECT: Distribution of documents, 1916.

Major S. M. Gaines,
Superintendent of Mail,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, relative to the number of documents received and distributed during the calendar year 1916, the following is submitted:

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| Annual report of the Director of the Mint, fiscal year 1916, also Report on the production of the precious metals, calendar year 1915, Document No. 2772, - Total copies, - | 1,500 |
| December, 1916, number of franks sent to the Superintendent of Documents, - | 860 |
| Amount sent out by the Mint Bureau,- | 75 |
| Distributed, - | 935 |
| Proceedings of the Assay Commission, 1916, Test of Coinage executed and reserved during the calendar year 1915; Document No. 2768; Copies,- | 300 |
| March 23, 1916, sent by the Mint Bureau, - | 100 |
| Balance on hand, - | 200 |

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

R-

January 4, 1917

SUBJECT: Valuation of old coins.

Hon. John J. Eagan,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, in which you state that one of your constituents, Mr. Harold Royer, West Hoboken, N.J., is desirous of securing data regarding the valuation of old coins, I regret to say that this office publishes no pamphlet containing the desired information.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F H Chaffin
Acting Director.

FHC-W

January 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Adjuster's scale for the Internal Revenue Office,
New York.

Hon. W. H. Osborn,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to letter addressed to you under date of December 13th, from Mr. H. S. Stimpson, Deputy Collector in Charge of the Second Internal Revenue District of New York, in which he requested that he be furnished with a new coin balance, I have to inform you that this letter was referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with the request that he place in good order a suitable balance for weighing gold coins and to forward the same to the Collector at New York with a bill covering only the expense of placing same in good condition.

I have this day received a letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, advising me that this coin balance was shipped to the Deputy Collector at New York on January 3rd.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F H Chaffin
Acting Director.

FHC-W

January 5, 1917.

The U. S. Marine Corps,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has reported to this Office that the Mint is now ready to proceed with the manufacture of the 1,000 Good Conduct Medals for the Marine Corps which were ordered by letter from your Department dated December 23rd, and transmitted from this Office.

The Superintendent requests that the necessary ribbon for these medals, approximately 75 yards, be forwarded to the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia as early as practicable. Sample of ribbon is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint
By
Acting Director.

January 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Ecuador Coinage.

G. Amsinck & Co. Inc.,
P. O. Box 242,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 28th of December, sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau. The Superintendent of the Mint advises us that it will require three months to make the dies and the coinage can be executed in about twenty days thereafter. The terms of the coinage will be the same as those given in our letter of October 27th.

The Superintendent of the Mint has been authorized to proceed with the preparation of the dies, and to supply the required metal.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

January 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mr. Isidor Marcus,
1107 Eleventh Ave.,
Altoona, Penna.

Sir:

The deposit of sweeps and filings received from you is returned herewith by registered mail. The Mints and Assay Offices of this service are not required to accept deposits of bullion unfit for coinage purposes and having a value less than $100. The deposit received from you is not of the required value nor is it considered fit for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By
Acting Director.

FHC-W

January 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. George F. Osten,
No. 49, Wall Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your card of recent date, I regret to have to inform you that our supply of copies of "The Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" has been exhausted. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive a copy of the new edition when issued.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F.H.Chaffin
Acting Director.

W

January 6, 1916.

SUBJECT: Deposits of jewelry.

Messrs. Halton Brothers,
Jewelers,
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

The package of jewelry forwarded by you has been received in this office, and you are informed that the same has been sent to the United States Assay Office, New York City, which office will, in due course, forward you check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the same, less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F H Chaffin
Acting Director.

January 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Miss Estelle Hall,
186 First St.,
Morgantown, W. Va.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the deposit of silver ware and gold received from you under date of the 4th instant, for the reason that the same is not sufficient in value to constitute a deposit, the Mints and Assay Offices of this service not being required to accept deposits having a value less than $100.00

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F.H.Chaffin
Acting Director.

W

January 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Estimate of the production of gold and silver, Calendar year 1916.

Mr. E. F. Sweet,
Assistant Secretary,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, there is returned herewith table from the "Statistical Abstract of the United States", to which has been added figures showing the estimated production of gold and silver in the United States and possessions during the calendar year 1916, and the actual figures available as to the production of gold and silver in the world during the calendar year 1915.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F. H. Chaffin
Acting Director.

FHC-W

EBb

January 6, 1917

SUBJECT: Record of gold deposits

Mr. Adolfo Benigno Nunez, Attorney,
No. 70, Habana Street,
Havana, Cuba.

Sir:

Your letter of December 25, 1916, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office, and I have to inform you that there is no institution in this service located in Washington where deposits of gold are received. Your letter has been referred to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia and to the United States Assay Office at New York City, and neither institution has any record of transactions with Sr. Joaquin Garcia Angarica.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

FHC-W

January 6, 1917.

The Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, a paper-covered copy of the following publication, rendering your account for the same against the Contingent Appropriation, Office of Director of the Mint, 1917;-

Senate Document No. 128; 58th Congress, 3rd Session.
Serial No. 4770.

It is understood that you have one copy of this document which can be disposed of for $0.30.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

Enclosure.

January 6, 1917.

Hon. C. C. Dill,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Dill:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant enclosing a letter from Mrs. J. C. Blake, Spokane, Washington.

Replying to her inquiry in regard to the issue of coins, I would state that the Treasury Department distributes the coins to the various subtreasuries of the country which, in turn distribute them to the banks making request for them, or to individuals. The volume of coinage is governed by the demand made upon the Treasury, and the operations of the mints are so regulated as to meet the demands of the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint.
By
Acting Director.

January 6, 1917.

Mr. F. E. Farnum, Cashier,
National Globe Bank,
Woonsocket, R. I.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant I beg to say that the act authorizing the issue of the McKinley Memorial Dollar required that all of the coins should be delivered to the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio. That Association is disposing of the coins at $3.00 each, or four for $10.00. The Department has none.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

F H Chaffin

Acting Director.

January 6, 1917.

Mr. C. E. Jones
823 Wabash Avenue,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant you are informed that the government never issued 25-cent gold pieces. Such pieces were issued by private parties, but were never authorized by Congress.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

F.H. Chaffin

Acting Director.

January 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Lincoln Cents.

Mr. Paul Schein,
Secretary South Pittsburg Board of Trade,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I beg to say that the manufacture of proof coins has been discontinued. I would suggest that you make application to the Mint, Philadelphia for new uncirculated one cent pieces, and I am sure you will have no difficulty in obtaining them.

Respectfully

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By F.H.Chaffin

Acting Director.

January 6, 1917.

Mr. L. M. Henry
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I beg to say that the records in regard to the personnel of the Mint Service do not go further back than 1873, in the files of the Bureau. I would suggest that you address a letter to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, California.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint.
By
Acting Director.

January 5, 1917.

United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 28th of December I beg to advise you that Mr. Oscar Gardner, Watchman in the New York Assay Office, died July 9, 1916.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint

By FHChaffin

Acting Director

January 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Distribution of Annual Report.

Mr. G. W. Alexander,
1014 Sterling St.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 4th instant, there is enclosed under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, in which will be found, on pages 257 and 258, the information you desire. The true ratio (in weight) of silver to gold is 15.98837 plus.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

EBC-W

January 8, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for information as to mines.

Mr. Frank H. Elliott,
1403 Trinity Street,
Austin, Texas.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 3rd, addressed to the Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C., requesting information with regard to what was known as the Rodgers mine, in Mecklenburg County, worked prior to the Civil War, which has been sent to this office for reply:

You are informed that there are no records kept in this office nor in this service from which the desired information can be obtained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

January 8, 1917.

Mr. G. W. Waller,
Hastings, Florida.

Sir:

I am returning herewith an account about which I do not recall having heard before. If you will forward an itemized statement I may be able to identify the purchases if any were made for me.

Very truly yours,

January 8, 1917.

SUBJECT: Persian coinage.

Messrs. J. W. Masters & Company,
No. 17, State Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of the 5th instant in regard to the Persian gold Kran, you are informed that where a country is on a silver basis the standard coin (the silver Kran) is given a gold value in our circular "Values of Foreign Coins", i. e., the value of the pure metallic contents of the silver Kran is measured by gold at $20.67183 per fine ounce; therefore, no endorsement by the Consul as to the amount of depreciation can be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBC-W

January 8, 1917.

Dear Congressman Dallinger:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant in behalf of Mr. George E. Physic, now employed under a temporary appointment in the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

The extra force employed at the Mint during the last few months was required to meet temporary conditions, and as soon as the extraordinary demand for coinage has been met we will be obliged to retire those who have been on the temporary roll.

Should a vacancy exist in the permanent force, to which position Mr. Physic would be eligible for appointment under the civil service regulations, I will be glad to act favorably upon his appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frederick W. Dallinger,
House of Representatives.

Director of the Mint.

Contingent expenses, office of the Director of
the Mint, 1917.

Walter Harvey Weed, January 8th 7

Houghton, Michigan.

------soon as possible.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Washington, D.C.

"The Copper Handbook" by
Walter Harvey Weed, E.M.
(Latest edition) 1

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint.
Director of the Mint.
By
Acting Director.

January 9, 1917.

The Director
Of the Bureau of Standards,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith weights to be used at the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission, with the request that the same be tested and returned to this Bureau in time for the meeting of the Commission February 14, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 11, 1917.

Mrs. Sophia Williams
615 Hamilton Street,
Watertown, New York.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the letter written to you by the Secretary in Charge of the National Museum. There is no office in the Treasury Department at Washington where assays are made for the public.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By F H Chaffin

Acting Director.

January 11, 1917.

SUBJECT: Blue-print of curves.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith 5 curves, of which I would like to have 5 blue-prints of each sheet, 25 blue-prints in all, to be made as early as practicable; payment for this work to be made from the appropriation "Contingent expenses, Mint Bureau, 1917".

Respectfully,

F.J.H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

AAH-W

Enclosures.

January 11th, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits - Philadelphia Mint.

Auditor for the
Treasury Department.

Sir:

As requested by you, I am returning herewith the statement of deposits recorded as a product of the Howie Mining Company, received at the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, with the number of the check with which these deposits were paid noted on the statement.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F H Chaffin

Acting Director.

FHC-W

Enclosure.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 12, 1917.

Mr. G. B. Lamar
First National Bank,
St. Augustine, Florida.

Please do not pay out any of the new design quarter dollars sent you from Philadelphia. New quarters of old design should have been sent. Wire collect if any have been paid out.

von Engelken
Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES,
Charge Treasury Department, Appropriation for Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

January 11, 1917.

Le Bibliothecaire,
Ministero di Agricoltura,
Industria e Commercio,
Rome, Italy.

Sir:

I take pleasure in transmitting herewith a copy of the "Report of the Introduction of the Gold-Exchange Standard into China, the Philippine Islands, Panama and Other Silver-Using Countries" in compliance with your request of December 1, 1916, addressed to the Government Publication Department.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

January 12, 1917.

G. B. Lamar
First National Bank,
St. Augustine, Florida.

No objection to your paying out new halves. Release new quarters on Monday next.

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

January 12, 1917.

SUBJECT: Persian coinage.

Messrs. A. & M. Karagheusian,
354 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of the 10th instant regarding the Persian Kran, you are informed that the value of the Persian Silver Kran, to be used in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States, for the period January 1 to March 31, 1917, is $0.1002

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By F.H. Chaffin
Acting Director.

EBC-

Enclosure.

January 12, 1917.

Mrs. Mary L. McConnell,
Scott County,
Mack, Va.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant you are advised that there are no gold dollars in the Mints or Treasury.

There are no coins of those authorized for the San Francisco Exposition in the Treasury or any ot its offices. Application should be made to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, San Francisco, to whom the coins were delivered.

New ten cent pieces can be obtained from any bank as there are many of them in general circulation.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By F.H.Chaffin

Acting Director.

January 12, 1917.

Mr. S. H. Chapman,
1047 Drexel Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to signatures on our coins, has been by him referred to this Bureau. The letter has been read with much interest and is very much appreciated.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

January 12, 1917.

Mr. John McDonald,
Catawba, W. Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, relative to articles ofjewelry of which you wish to dispose, I would say that the mints receive such material in quantities approximating $100 in value. Smaller quantities are not usually received.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

January 12, 1917.

Mr. Charles H. Demarest,
150 Water Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, I beg to say that this Department does not purchase Iridium.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By F H Chaffin

Acting Director.

January 12, 1917.

Mr. Eugene Huss,
1230 Smith Street,
Flint, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant I beg to say that dimes of new designs may be obtained from any bank or sub-treasury, as there are a great many of them in circulation.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

January 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: New Designs.

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

I have your letter of the 11th instant relative to the design of the Quarter Dollar.

The changes you propose have been read with interest, and it may be practicable to conform to your wishes to some extent. However, as the coins have gone into circulation, no marked changes could be undertaken.

If you care to have prepared and sent to the Mint a bronze cast carrying the changes you suggest, and will do this with the understanding that the Government is not to be involved in any expense whatever, I will have dies made at the Mint and have specimen coins struck for submission to the Secretary of the Treasury. No radical changes would be considered, and I would reserve the right to decline to execute dies if the model submitted showed a departure from the accepted design.

I am most anxious to do anything I can to meet your wishes.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Nickel Coins.

Mr. D. H. Browne,
The International Nickel Company,
43 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 11th instant I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World, in which you will find the composition of various coins of foreign countries, including those made of nickel.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Token coins.

Mr. R. C. Deal,
C/o Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company,
Waycross, Ga.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 11th you are informed that the piece you describe is known as a token piece, many types of which were issued by private parties during the Civil War. It has no particular numismatic value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-W

January 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Purchase of copper for minor coinage.

Messrs. Clendenin Brothers,
Clendenin Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this morning accepting from you two hundred thousand (200,000) pounds of copper, to be delivered at the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of 32 cents per pound; deliveries to be made 100,000 pounds February 15th. and 100,000 pounds March 15th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 13, 1917

Mr. J. D. Alsobrook,
Sherwood, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, you are informed that there is no device known to science for locating gold or silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

January 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Designer of 5-cent coin.

Mr. Jacob W. Greenberg,
International Film Service, Inc.,
226 William St., New York City.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, you are informed that the designer of the new five-cent piece is Mr. J. E. Fraser, No. 3, Macdougal Alley, New York City.

Respectfully,

von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

W

January 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold coinage.

Mr. J. D. Smith,
C/o Accounting Office, Navy Yard,
Mare Island, California.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, you are informed that coins are not segregated by years and there are no quarter eagles coined in the year 1870 in the Treasury. I am unable to advise you where one may be procured.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

January 15th, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits at the New Orleans Mint.

Milmo National Bank,
Laredo, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Gold and silver has been deposited at the New Orleans Mint by your bank which was credited at that office as having been mined in the State of Texas as follows:

| Date. 1916 | No. of deposit. | Description. | Gold. Fine oz. | Silver. Fine ounces. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 11. | 279 | Miner's king. | 14.833 | 5.49 |
| Feb. 21. | 335 | " " | 15.642 | 5.90 |
| July 28. | 41 | " bar. | 6.068 | 3.67 |
| Oct. 26. | 143 | Refiner's bar. | 14.549 | 1.34 |
| | | Total, - | 51.092 | 16.40 |

Inasmuch as the State of Texas produces very little gold (about 25 ounces in 1916), I am soliciting your cooperation by asking you to advise this office the State in which the above metal was mined, or the source from which it was obtained.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, and trusting there will be no delay in furnishing the information requested, I am

Respectfully,

F J H von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

EBC-W

January 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits at the New York Assay Office.

Merchants National Bank,
Brownsville, Texas.

Gentlemen:

On February 19, 1916, the Seaboard National Bank deposited some gold bars at the New York Assay Office, containing 147.669 fine ounces of gold, and 8.18 fine ounces of silver, which was credited as having been mined in the State of Texas.

From correspondence with the above Bank, it was learned that this deposit was received from your Bank, and I am taking the liberty of asking for your cooperation in the matter of determining the correct source (or where mined) of this metal, as it is known that the State of Texas produces very little gold.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, and trusting there will be no delay in furnishing the information requested, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

EBC-W

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

January 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Production of gold during the calendar year 1915.

Mr. James A. Blair,
No. 24, Broad Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been referred to this office for reply.

The gold produced from South African mines during the calendar year 1915 was valued at $206,948,480., and the total production of the world was valued at $470,466,214.

No figures have yet been compiled by this office showing the world's production of gold for the year 1916. The preliminary estimate of the production in the United States is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBC-W

Enclosure.

January 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Preparation of annual report.

Mr. D. H. Browne,
No. 45, Exchange Place,
New York City.

Sir:

Please accept the thanks of this office for the suggestions contained in your letter of the 10th instant regarding the use of the word "nickel".

Your suggestions will be considered in the compilation of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBC-W

January 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold coinage.

Mr. A. G. Weigand,
15, North 9th Street,
Allentown, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Treasury Department, has been referred to this office.

In reply you are informed that the double eagle, or $20.00 gold piece, when weighing 1.075 Troy ounces (legal weight) contains gold of the value of $20.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

January 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits of bullion.

Mr. E. W. Stephens,
Box 8,
Arab, Missouri.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of January 10th you are informed that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service are not required to accept deposits of gold or silver which have not a value of $100.00 The silver to which you refer is not of sufficient weight to constitute a deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

January 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits of plated ware.

Mrs. W. H. Flynn,
No. 96, Minor Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter without date, I have to inform you that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service will accept gold and silver bullion which is considered suitable for coinage purposes in quantities of not less than $100.00 in value.

You fail to state in your letter whether the pieces which you have are plated gold or silver ware, but, in any event, it would require a considerable quantity of plated ware to aggregate a value of $100.00

If the deposit is of that value, and it does not consist of too high a percentage of base metal, it can be forwarded to the Assay Office at New York City, which will remit to you the value of the same, less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

FHC-W

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint

Fred J. Schmidt January 16 71

719 13th St.,

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

| | |
|---|---|
| Set Drawing Instruments No. 1162 | 4 00 |
| Hard Wood Straight Edge Zylonite 42" long | |
| (Loet Bros.) | |

Director of the Mint.

January 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Weight of one-cent piece.

Mr. Walter S. Bernhardt,
1847 Gleason Avenue,
Bronx, New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date you are informed that the weight of the one-cent piece is 48 grains, Troy; the weight of 1,000 is 6.857 pounds, avoirdupois.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBC-W

January 16, 1917.

Bureau of Crop Estimates,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith an envelope sent to my former address, East Palatka, Florida, which has been re-transmitted by the Postmaster to my present address. The envelope is enclosed for the purpose of assisting you in locating its origin.

Will you kindly direct that my name be withdrawn from the mailing list of the Bureau of Crop Estimates for the present.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: $50 Gold Piece.

Mr. Edward J. Webb,
General Delivery,
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the money order for $50 enclosed in your letter of recent date. The Department has no fifty dollar gold pieces. Those authorized for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition were delivered to the Exposition Company and sold for $100 each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure

January 16, 1917.

Mr. Darwin Filtsch,
P. O. Box 754,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 11th instant you are informed that in the year 1812 $814,029.50 in half dollars were coined. I am unable to tell you how many of these are in circulation at the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

January 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: A/c for Dies.

The Third Assistant
Postmaster General.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two vouchers from the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, one for $240.20 covering the cost of 2¢ embossed dies, and the other for $180.10 covering the cost of 1¢ and 2¢ embossed dies.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriations for the support of the Mint, Philadelphia, 1917, as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen ----------- | $227.91 | |
| Contingent Expenses, ------ | 12.29 | $240.20 |
| Wages of Workmen, --------- | 172.53 | |
| Contingent Expenses -------- | 7.57 | 180.10 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

Jan. 16, 1917.

Subject - Expenses of Helena Internal Revenue Office.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith find account of the Helena Assay Office for one half the common expenses of that and the Internal Revenue Office occupying the same building, for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1916.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1917", in the sum of $181.77.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

January 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Melting gold coin.

The Solicitor
for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Office if any penalty attaches to the act of melting and destroying gold coins to be used in the arts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint.

Contingent expenses office of the Director of the
Mint, 1917.

Mackall Brothers, January 16, 1917

823 H. Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

——— as soon as possible.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

| Item | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4411 | (b) Acid, nitric; c. p. sp. gr. 1.42 in 7 pound bottles, 10 bottles to the case, - | 1 case lb. 13¢ | $9.10 |

$9.10

Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1917.

Professor F. E. Triebel,
Northern Boulevard,
College Point, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has by him been referred to this Office.

I have read with much interest your letter on the subject of designs for a new coin, sketches of which you enclose.

Should legislation authorizing a coin of a new denomination be enacted I will take pleasure in calling attention to your suggestions.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage.

M. C. Rickenbacher,
Box 72, Etna, Ohio.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant making inquiry about the amount of coinage executed by the Mints of the United States.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, which gives the coinage from the beginning of our history to the present time.

The amount of coinage executed is regulated by the demands made upon the Treasury by the banks of the country. New money reaches the public through the banks which receive their supplies from the Treasury Department.

The purchase of gold and silver by the Government constitutes the initial act of getting money into circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage.

Dear Congressman Edwards:

I have your letter of the 15th instant enclosing a letter from Mr. J.F. Minis, together with copy of his letter to the Department, relative to the coinage executed at the branch Mint, Dahlonega, Georgia.

Mr. Minis has been advised that coinage amounting to $6,106,569 was manufactured at the Mint named from 1838 to 1861, when the institution was closed.

Respectfully,

F.J.H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Charles G. Edwards,

House of Representatives.

January 17, 1917.

Mr. W. E. Poulson,
39 South La Salle St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1915, on page 248 of which you will find a table giving the production of silver in the United States since 1861.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1917.

Mr. Wilfred C. Sigerson,
C/. Montgomery Ward & Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant you are informed that the Government does not purchase old coins.

I would suggest that you address the American Numismatic Society, New York City, for information relative to coin dealers.

Respectfully,

FJH von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1917.

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of the 15th instant relative to a suggested design for the proposed new 2½ cent piece, and have read it with much interest.

Should legislation be enacted authorizing the execution of a coin of a new denomination, I will take pleasure in calling attention to the suggestion of using a facsimile of the Liberty Bell as a part of the design.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. J. Hampton Moore,
House of Representatives.

January 17, 1917.

SUBJECT: Numismatics.

Mr. Leon D. Levy,
2 - 16 West 33rd Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant you are informed that the piece, of which you enclose a pencil rubbing, is not a coin, but a medal. No particular value attaches to it as a numismatic piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1917.

Mr. Hermon A. MacNeil,
Northern Boulevard,
College Point, N. Y.

Sir:

I have conferred with the Secretary and he has agreed to have me consult with you in regard to the improvements you have in mind for the quarter dollar die.

I will be glad to see you any day this week that will be convenient for you to come to Washington. Kindly advise me in advance in order that I may not be away from my desk.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 17, 1917.

Mr. J. R. White,
R. F. D. No. 1,
Albertville, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date, you are informed that there is no instrument known to science for locating buried treasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-W

January 18, 1917

SUBJECT: Coinage at Dahlonega.

Mr. J. F. Minis,

Savannah, Georgia.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant, I regret to inform you that the records of this office do not show how much of the gold and silver coined at the branch Mint at Dahlonega was mined in the vicinity of Dahlonega, nor how much gold and silver from other parts of the United States was brought there to be minted.

I am enclosing you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, on page 75 of which you will find a statement, by denominations, of coinage at the Dahlonega Mint from 1838 to 1861.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

January 18, 1917.

SUBJECT: Silver coinage.

Mr. Alex. Ball,
Melrose, West Union, Ills.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to Hon. W. E. Cox, has been referred to this office for reply.

There were coined during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871, 657,929 silver dollars. I am unable to advise you how many of these silver dollars are now in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

January 18, 1917.

SUBJECT: Samples of ore.

Mr. C. P. Britton,
R. F. D. No. 2,
Cox' Mills, W. Va.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sample of ore received with your letter of the 16th instant. A visual inspection of the sample indicates that it is pyrite, or iron ore, and it has no particular commercial value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-W

Enclosure.

January 18, 1917.

SUBJECT: Personnel.

United States Guarantee Company,
No. 111 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of January 17th, I beg to say that Mr. Dennis Condron was transferred from the United States Assay Office, New York to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, where he is now employed as a melter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-W

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F.J.H. von Engelken. January 18, 1917.

Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Limited,
Publishers, The Bankers' Magazine,
London Wall,
London, England.

Gentlemen:

Will you please forward to this office a copy of the inaugural address delivered before the Institute of Bankers on November 8th last, by Mr. George H. Pownall. The address is referred to on page 700 of the December issue of the Bankers' Magazine.

Please transmit at the same time to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., your account for the copy of address above requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 18, 1917.

SUBJECT: Samples of bullion.

Mr. I. Ottolengui,
C/o Waldorf Hotel,
Fargo, North Dakota.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, I am returning herewith by registered mail the sample of bullion forwarded by you to this office from Orange, Va.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-W

Enclosure.

January 18, 1917.

Mr. J. C. J. Norde,
C/o Statler Hotel,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 10th, from which it is noted you wish to be informed whether the product manufactured by you can be used on coins. In reply I have to say that it would not be practicable to use the product to which you refer on the coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

January 18, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold coinage.

Mr. W. H. McFarland,
Lodi, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 16th, you are informed that there are no gold dollars in the Treasury of the United States, and gold quarter and half dollars have never been coined by the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

January 18, 1917.

SUBJECT: Proof silver.

Mr. E. B. Braden, Vice-President,
Selby Smelting & Lead Company,
Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Your letter of January 13th, with reference to obtaining proof silver from the Mint at San Francisco has been received, and in reply you are informed that the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia furnishes all of the proof silver used in this service. This proof silver can be purchased from the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of $2.00 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN: Washington,

January 19, 1917

Hermon A. MacNeil,
679 Northern Boulevard,
College Point, Long Island, N.Y.

Department closed tomorrow Will see you Monday

von Engelken

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent expenses Mint Bureau 1917.
2—[illegible] The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

January 19, 1917.

SUBJECT: 1917 One-cent coinage.

Aluminum Sign Company,
Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of January 16th, I have to inform you that 1917 one-cent pieces have been coined in the Mint at Philadelphia, and can be had by applying to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

January 19, 1917.

SUBJECT: Reports on the production of the precious metals.

Prime Western Spelter Company,

Iola, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, in which you explain the method of reporting the production of gold and silver by your Company to this office, I would advise that it is desired to have the smelters' reports show the source, by States, of all gold and silver recovered by them, directly or indirectly, from other smelters or refineries.

It is true that your recoveries will also be shown on the refineries' reports, but as the refineries are very seldom able to trace all of their receipts as to source, or where mined, the distribution by States, etc., is made by this office almost entirely from the smelters' reports.

I wish to thank you for the cooperative interest manifested in your letter, and trusting that the above explanation will be satisfactory, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBC-W

FHC

January 19, 1917.

SUBJECT: Accounts.

Wells Fargo & Company, Express,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I amreturning your bill No. 8185, with the request that the items be segregated and carried on three separate vouchers, one to carry the transportation of minor coin (nickels and cents); one for the transportation of other coin; and the third to carry all other items.

This is necessary as the various items are payable from different places.

There is also being enclosed Government bill of lading No. 52017, which supports your bill No.. 8186, for accomplishment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 422

January 19, 1917.

SUBJECT: Samples of ore.

Hon. R. L. Doughton,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

I am returning herewith the sample of ore submitted to this office from Mr. F.P. Moore, Globe, N. C., with the report of the Assayer of this Bureau. This report shows that the sample contains only traces of the precious metals, too small to be of value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

Enclosure.

January 22nd, 1917.

SUBJECT: Storage of gold under seal - Philadelphia.

Mr. Frank Lamberson,
C/o Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to represent me, in conjunction with a representative of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, in the matter of storing gold bars in a vault under your joint seals in that Mint.

A schedule of the bars by melts, showing weights, fineness, fine ounces and value of the bullion to be stored, shall be furnished and held by you, and the weights of the bars and stamped fineness appearing on the bars shall be verified by the weights and fineness as listed in the schedule. After the weights and fineness have been verified you will, in conjunction with the representative of the Superintendent of the Mint, check the bars into the vault and place your joint seals upon the door of the said vault. To determine whether the seal has been tampered with, it should, in all cases, be inspected before opening the vault.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 22, 1917.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I have your letter of the 19th in regard to the appointment of Mr. Gardin as a member of the Annual Assay Commission.

I regret to say that the list went to the President last week and on that account I am sure you will understand that it is practically out of my hands; otherwise, it would give me great pleasure to comply with your request.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Assistant to the President,
National City Bank,
New York City.

January 22nd, 1917.

SUBJECT: Silver coinage in 1804.

Mr. A. E. Allison,
334 West Main St.,
Newark, Ohio.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, you are informed that 19,570 silver dollars were coined during the calendar year 1804.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

January 22nd, 1917.

SUBJECT: Distribution of Annual Report.

Hon. Atlee Pomerene,
U. S. Senate.

My dear Senator:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 20th, I have taken pleasure in having sent to Mr. Blythe Byce, R. F. D. No. 2, Middlefield, Ohio, a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, which contains full information in regard to the amount and denominations of our coins from the year 1793 to the present.

A "Catalog of the Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Philadelphia Mint" may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at a cost of $1.00 I regret that there are no copies of this catalog available for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 22nd, 1917.

SUBJECT: Applications for positions.

Mrs. Ella Barr Reber,
331 Washington Street,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

Madam:

Your inquiry addressed to the Ladies Home Journal in regard to the possibility of securing a position in the Mint at San Francisco has been referred to this office.

All positions in the Mint Service are under Civil Service. I would suggest that you apply for information regarding the examinations to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W-

January 22, 1917.

SUBJECT: Dates on coins.

Mr. C. L. Gruber,
Kutztown, Penna.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 19th with reference to coins dated 1917, and in reply you are informed that the obverse working dies at each Mint are, at the end of each calendar year, defaced and destroyed, and that all coins are actually coined within the year as stamped upon the obverse side of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

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January 23, 1917.

Mr. J. G. Butler, Jr.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, together with a photograph of the model of McKinley for the memorial dollar.

In view of the Superintendent's statement that the size of the coin itself will prevent any material improvement over the present issue, I deem it inexpedient to attempt a new die at this time, especially in view of the fact that many of the coins have already gone into circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 23, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold coinage.

Mr. Joe Meyer,
626 South Thayer St.,
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 15th, you are informed that the gold coins of the United States contain 900/1000 gold and 100/1000 copper alloy. The gold coins contain their face value in gold, plus the cost of the copper, which is calculated on the basis of the market price of that metal.

I am enclosing herewith a circular issued by the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, containing information relating to coins and medals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

Enclosure.

January 24, 1917.

SUBJECT: Production of the precious metals, 1916.

Mr. A. P. Busey, jr., Manager,
Penn Mining Co.,
Campo Seco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, regarding the production of gold and silver by your Company for the calendar year 1916, I would advise that, at this date, a careful estimate of your product will be sufficient, although a report to this office of your actual figures, when available, giving credit to the State where mined, and stating the refinery or consignee, i. e., the disposition of same, will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBC/W

FHC

January 24, 1917.

SUBJECT: New silver coinage.

Mr. E. H. Kittredge,
Advertising Manager,
Old Colony Trust Co.,
17 Court St., Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of January 20th, addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency, has been referred to this office for reply, and I am enclosing herewith a description of the new silver coins, With a short history of the designers.

Under the law, it would not be permissible for you to reproduce these designs in a booklet.

I am also enclosing, under separate cover, a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, in which report these coins are reproduced.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

Enclosure.

January 24, 1917.

Mr. David Strother,
Lock Box 32,
Edgefield, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 20th, I have to advise that, as far as I am concerned, the matter to which you refer has not yet been definitely decided upon. If, at the proper time, it should come within my province to take your request into consideration, I shall be very glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

v E-W

January 24, 1917.

Mr. George C. Beysiegel,
Cashier, National City Bank,
Rome, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 20th, I have to advise that, as far as I am concerned, the matter to which you refer has not yet been definitely decided upon. If, at the proper time, it should come within my province to take your request into consideration, I shall be very glad to do so.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

v E-W

January 25, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stock of Gold in the World and in United States.

Mr. F. L. Eaton,
House of Representatives,
Lansing, Mich.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency has been referred to this office for reply.

Pertaining to your request for figures showing the amount of Gold in this country and in the entire world, I wish to advise that the latest compilation made in this office was for the calendar year 1915, which shows a total stock of Gold in the world of $8,258,213,000, of which $2,299,454,000 is credited to the United States. Final figures for the calendar year 1916 will not be available until about next October, as much dependence for data is necessary from foreign countries.

Adding to the world's stock of gold on Dec. 31, 1915 - $8,258,213,000 - the approximate gold production during last year - $472,000,000 - (making no allowance for that part used in the arts), would give a total stock of Gold in the world on Dec. 31, 1916, approximately, of $9,000,000,000. The estimated stock of Gold in the United States on Dec. 31, 1916 is $2,841,664,584.

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The amount of Gold imported into the United States during the last ten calendar years is as follows:-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1916,- | $ 685,990,234 | 1911,- | $ 57,445,184 |
| 1915,- | 451,954,590 | 1910,- | 59,222,518 |
| 1914,- | 57,387,741 | 1909,- | 44,086,966 |
| 1913,- | 63,704,832 | 1908,- | 50,276,293 |
| 1912,- | 66,548,772 | 1907,- | 143,398,072 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBC-

January 24, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stock of the precious metals in United States.

Mr. J. W. Stewart, Editor,
Stewart's Special,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

Your card of the 16th instant directed to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this office for reply, and in compliance with your request there is enclosed herewith a statement showing the approximate stock of gold coin and bullion in the United States on January 1 of the years 1913-1917; also the imports of same during the calendar years 1912-1916, inclusive.

Credit may be given as compiled in the office of the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

Enclosures.

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE APPROXIMATE STOCK OF GOLD COIN AND BULLION IN THE UNITED STATES ON THE DATES NAMED AND THE IMPORTS OF SAME DURING THE

CALENDAR YEARS 1912 - 1916, INC.

| Classification. | January 1, 1913. | January 1, 1914. | January 1, 1915. | January 1, 1916. | January 1, 1917. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gold coin,------- | $1,621,379,370 | $1,601,108,891 | $1,500,743,924 | $1,656,029,995 | $1,564,926,190 |
| Gold bullion,--- | 258,857,946 | 303,585,254 | 304,354,958 | 643,424,187 | 1,276,738,394 |
| Total,- | $1,880,237,316 | $1,904,694,145 | $1,805,098,882 | $2,299,454,182 | $2,841,664,584 |
| Imports:- | | | | | |
| Gold coin,------- | 16,785,871 | 21,454,946 | 29,703,169 | 386,189,256 | 148,162,79 |
| Gold bullion,--- | 49,762,901 | 42,249,886 | 27,684,572 | 65,765,334 | 537,827,45 |
| Total,- | $66,548,772 | $63,704,832 | $57,387,741 | $451,954,590 | $685,990,23 |

January 26, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. Jerome Roth,
C/o Klauber Brothers,
18th and Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, you are informed that this office has never issued a catalog, with illustrations, of the United States coins. A copy of the "Catalog of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Philadelphia Mint" may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at a cost of $1.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 26, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. Lewis B. Sebring, C. E.,
64-65 Parker Building,
Schenectady, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, you are informed that a copy of the "Catalog of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Philadelphia Mint" may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at a cost of $1.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 26, 1917

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. Jas. H. Weed,
749 So. Hope St.,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, has been referred to this office.

This office has never published any description of the cyanide process, and I know of none which has been issued by any Government department. I would suggest that you write the American Institute of Mining Engineers, New York City, for information on the subject, or consult the following metallurgical books: The Cyanide Handbook, by J. E. Clennell; Details of Cyanide Practice, by Megraw.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

January 26, 1917.

Dr. F. P. Dewey,
Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

Dear Dr. Dewey:

Upon further consideration I have decided that I will ask you to discontinue showing in "Remarks" column on form 8862 criticisms of mechanical imperfections of the coins which are retained by you and assayed for weight and fineness.

In my opinion it will be quite sufficient if you make a report to the Superintendent on the one coin which is now being daily sent to you for criticism. I do not feel that it is essential that each individual coin should be criticized.

What we are after is general improvement, and we can effect that quite as well by drawing attention to the imperfections in the one coin without carrying in our records criticisms as shown in the past in the "Remarks" column of form #8862.

Your criticisms of the coin sent for inspection will be kept in a book for that purpose in my office here. We will in this manner be able to keep a record of the work of the various mints.

You will, therefore, in future please make no criticisms of the mechanical imperfections in the "Remarks" column of form #6862.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.J.H. VonEngelken.

January 26, 1917.

SUBJECT: Photographs.

Mr. E. F. Coolidge,
Washington Hotel,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant relative to photographing the process of moving gold in large quantities.

For obvious reasons the Department considers the photographing of such operations inexpedient. Consignments are made with as little publicity as possible, and it is due to those held responsible for the safe delivery of such government property to protect them as much as possible from encroachment.

Regretting that I cannot make a more favorable reply to your inquiry, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

January 26, 1917.

Hon. M. F. Farley,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Farley:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant in behalf of William J. Shea, a former employee of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

As Mr. Shea resigned more than three years ago he is ineligible for recall to duty without examination, and under the rules of the Civil Service Commission I am powerless to bring about his reinstatement.

Regretting that I cannot send you a more satisfactory report upon this case, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

January 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Two and one-half cent coinage.

Mr. Oscar Collis Ivers,
U. S. S. North Carolina,
Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office.

Up to the present time, no action has been taken by Congress on the bill introduced to authorize the coinage of a two and one-half cent piece. I appreciate the interest you have taken in the matter, and should the new coinage be authorized by Congress your letter will be referred to with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-W

January 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Two and one-half cent coinage.

Mr. V. King Pifer,
No. 309, Mulberry Street,
Williamsport, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of December 15th, 1916, addressed to Hon. William B. Wilson, has been referred to this office.

Should Congress authorize the issue of a coin of a new denomination, your suggestion as to the use of the Liberty Bell as an emblem or design will be referred to with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-W

January 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Two and one-half cent coinage.

Mrs. Jane Weir Pressly,
No. 2104 Myrtle Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Madam:

Your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the former Director of the Mint, Hon. George E. Roberts, has been by him referred to this office, and in reply you are informed that no action has been taken by Congress to authorize the issue of the two and one-half cent piece. Should such legislation be enacted your letter will be referred to with pleasure.

I would suggest that you write to the Congressman representing your district for a copy of the bill introduced to authorize this new coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-W

January 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: New silver coinage.

Mr. H. W. Clawson,
Manilla, Indiana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office.

I am enclosing herewith a circular issued by this department, descriptive of the designs on new silver coins and also giving a short history of the designers. I would suggest that you apply for these coins through your local bank or the nearest Sub-Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

Enclosure.

January 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of samples of ore.

Mr. Arthur G. Sims,
Goldfield, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant addressed to the Geological Survey, has been referred to this office.

It is practically impossible to decide from your letter what this interfering element may be, but if you will forward a dozen of the used cupels, properly identified, some of which had a small amount of silver, and some the very large amount of 200 mg., the Bureau Assayer will be glad to make a critical examination of them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD-W

January 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Motto on coins of the United States.

Mr. Roger E. E. Clapp,
No. 25, Ware Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, you are informed that the motto "In God we Trust" is placed upon some of the coins of this country in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 173 of the Coinage Laws of the United States, approved May 8, 1908, providing that this motto should be restored on coins on which it had theretofore been used.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

Director of the Mint.

Contingent expenses, office of the Director of the
Mint, 1917.

Messrs. Leet Brothers, January 29th 7

725 14th Street, Washington, D.C.

----------- soon as possible.

Mint Bureau, Treasury Department, Washington.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hardwood straight-edge; zylonite edges 42 in. 1726 K 12 | 1 | 1 | $1.09 | $1.09 |

$1.09

F.J.H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint
By
Acting Director.

January 29, 1917

SUBJECT: Samples of metal.

Mr. John H. Stewart,
Hamilton,
Marion County, Alabama.

Sir:

Your letter enclosing sample of metal has been received, and I have to advise you that the same has been examined and it contains neither gold nor silver. The sample is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

F.J.H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

FHC-W

Enclosure.

January 29, 1917.

Hon. F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint,
C/O Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Dear Mr. von Engelken:

Under separate cover, I am sending the coin demand curves. Mr. Leet is dissatisfied with these curves and says he will forward by mail tonight another set, but, for fear that they might not reach you I am sending the ones that he left here at the office and you can send back the set that you do not care to keep there.

Yours very truly,

FHC-W

January 30, 1917.

Mr. Alexander Vornegut,
127 West Georgia Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant I am enclosing herewith a circular letter giving a description of the emblems and devices used upon the new coins, together with a brief sketch of the sculptors who designed them.

For reply as to the paper currency your letter has been sent to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By F H Chaffin

Acting Director.

January 30, 1917.

SUBJECT: New Coins.

B. Lodge & Co.,
91 No. Pearl Street,
Albany, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant I beg to say that quarter dollars of the new design, amounting to 52,000 pieces, were coined during the month of December, and distributed before the close of the year.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

January 30, 1917.

Mr. Julius Braun,
821 South Meridian Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant I beg to say that the type of letters used in the development of the new designs for our coins was left to the artists who modeled them.

I am enclosing herewith a circular letter which gives a bried description of the designs, and a short sketch of the artists.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

January 30, 1917.

Mr. Warren C. Pyle,
First National Bank,
Webster City, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th instant I beg to say that the Mints pay out the new coins on the order of the Treasurer of the United States. I would suggest that you should have no difficulty in obtaining a supply of new coins of every denomination from the nearest sub-treasury, or upon the order of the Treasurer from the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 30th, 1917.

SUBJECT: Method of counting one-cent pieces.

Mr. Frank Heyward,
224 East Liberty Street,
Savannah, Ga.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, you are informed that 1¢ pieces are still counted by the method which you describe.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W

January 30, 1917.

SUBJECT: Silver coinage.

Dr. W. A. Blackwell,
No. 221, No. Marion St.,
Carthage, Ills.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, you are informed that half dollars of the old design were coined during the calendar year 1916. I would suggest that you apply for this coin through your local bank or to the nearest Sub-Treasury.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W

January 30, 1916.

SUBJECT: Deposits of gold.

Mr. George S. Surplice,
726 Locust Street,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, you are informed that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service will accept deposits of gold bullion when the value of the deposit is $100. or more, and make payment therefor in gold coin or by check on the Treasurer of the United States. If the gold which you wish to dispose of is not of this value I would suggest that you place it with a local jeweler.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W

January 30, 1917.

SUBJECT: Information as to coins.

Mr. J. C. Tinkey,
Deputy Sealer, Weights and Measures,
Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, I am enclosing herewith a circular issued by the Mint at Philadelphia, giving the standard weight of the coins of the United States with the tolerance allowed by law; also a circular issued quarterly by the Treasury Department giving the value, in terms of U. S. money, of foreign coins. No circular is issued by this Department giving the standard weight of foreign coins.

Respectfully,
F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

O-W

2 Encls.

January 30, 1917.

SUBJECT. Designs of Coins.

Miss Doris E. Hullings,
Section 161,
Business High School,
Washington, D. C.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant I am enclosing a circular giving a description of the emblems and devices used on the new coins, and a short sketch of the sculptor's who designed them.

The letter "W" referred to in your inquiry is the initial of the designer of the Half Dollar and the Dime, Mr. Adolph A. Weinman.

The motto "E Pluribus Umum" means 'One composed of many'.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

January 30, 1917.

SUBJECT: Sale of sweeps.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of January 29th, you are authorized to sell to the Balbach Smelting & Refining Company 358 bags of sweeps, numbered 353 to 710, inclusive, containing 29,693 pounds.

You are further authorized in future to dispose of sweeps, or to have them treated under your contract, without requesting authority from this office in each instance to do so.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken,
Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

FHC-W

January 31, 1917.

SUBJECT: Proof coins.

Mr. Grant Nordstedt,
114 Catalpa Street,
Joliet, Ills.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 29th instant, you are informed that the issuance of proof coins has been discontinued.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

W

January 31, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold coinage.

Mr. J. W. Bernardy,
Fargo, N. D.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, you are informed that 250,000 of the gold dollars which you describe were coined. I am unable to advise you how many of these coins are in circulation at this time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

January 31, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits of silverware.

Mr. George N. Thomas,
512 Hampton Place,
Portsmouth, Virginia.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 30th instant, you are informed that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service will accept gold and silver deposits when the value of such deposits is $100. or more, remitting to depositors the value of same, less treatment charges. The present market price of silver is 76¢ per fine ounce.

If the silverware to which you refer is not of the value of $100., I would suggest that you consult a local jeweler as to its most advantageous disposition.

Respectfully,

von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

W

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1917.

Remington Typewriter Company, January 31 7.
Washington, D. C.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| #3 A Monarch Typewriter | $73.50 | |
| Less allowance on #2-6245 Monarch ---------- | 20.00 | 53 50 |

53 50

Director of the Mint

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February 1, 1917.

SUBJECT: Purchase vouchers.

Messrs. Leet Brothers,
No. 723-25 14th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith your bill dated January 30, 1917, for one hardwood straightedge, in the amount of $1.09, and would request that you sign and return the enclosed purchase voucher therefor, payment of which will be made in due course.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

2 Enclosures.

February 1, 1917.

Mr. Oberlin Smith,
President, Ferracute Machine Company,
Bridgeton, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th instant in reply to mine of the 12th ultimo, relative to die-castings.

Your letter has been read with much interest, and I have made a note of the enclosures, which are returned herewith as you requested.

I am at present investigating the possibility of a moulding process for the coinage, and will take great pleasure in keeping you advised of any progress we may make.

With appreciation of your courtesy and interest, and thanking you for the assistance you have given me, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

February 1, 1917.

SUBJECT: Peruvian Coinage.

Muller, Schall & Co.,
45 William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging your letters of January 29th and 31st, you are advised that this Department has not received a communication from the Peruvian Legation, either directly, or through the usual channel, the State Department, as to the manufacture of 10,000 gold blanks for the one-fifth Peruvian Pound.

We are holding the sample sent by you, and will be glad to expedite your order upon receipt of advice from the Peruvian Legation that you are authorized to receive the manufactured discs for the Government of Peru.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 1, 1917.

Miss Clara Bady,
Mt. Penn, Pa.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo you are advised that positions in the Mint Service are under Civil Service regulations, and appointments are made as a result of competitive examinations.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 2, 1917.

Mr. J. C. Cluney,
Caney, Louisiana.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 27th, I would suggest that you consult a local jeweler as to the value of the badge to which you refer, as this office would be unable to advise you as to its value without making an examination of it.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Request for documents.

Dr. William Durand,
Marshall, Michigan.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 29th, I have taken pleasure in having sent you under separate cover copies of documents Nos. 2730, 2757 and 2772.

The "Catalog of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Philadelphia Mint", to which you refer, was published in 1914. A copy of this catalog may be procured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at a cost of $1.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Rate of exchange - French Franc.

Lieut.-Col. E. J. Timberlake, U. S. A.,
Quartermaster Corps,
West Point, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of January 31st, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, has been referred to this office, and in reply you are informed that the par of exchange New York on Paris for the French Franc is 5.18135 Francs, and the commercial quotation as given by the National City Bank on February 1, 1917, is demand, 5.84375 Francs, and cable, 5.8357 Francs.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold coinage.

Mr. John A. Purinton,
Secretary, Morgantown Business Men's Asso.,
Morgantown, W. Va.

Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 31st in regard to the coinage of a gold piece to be used as a gift coin at Christmas time and to thank you for the suggestion made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Five-cent coinage.

Mr. Walter Fergen,
Parkston, S. D.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of January 28th, you are informed that five-cent pieces of the Buffalo design are still being coined. There are several million of them in circulation, none of them have been recalled, and the Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W.

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: New silver coinage.

Mr. C.H. Peters,
No. 11, Stahl Square,
Connellsville, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of January 30th, addressed to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, Philadelphia, Penna., has been referred to this office, and in reply you are informed that no quarter dollars of the new design were coined at either the Denver or San Francisco Mints during the year 1916, nor were there any of the old design coined at the San Francisco Mint during 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Analysis of material.

Addie Shane,
No. 104 South Maple Street,
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of January 30th, I am returning herewith by registered mail the material received from you with the information that it is not gold and is of no value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

Enclosure.

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Request for bids.

Mr. J. E. Hurley,
No. 1219 Ohio Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I would thank you to bid on supplying and installing a solid wood 9-inch pulley for the laboratory of this Bureau, room No. 468.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

[illegible]D.W

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Request for bids.

Mr. G. W. Forsberg,
8th and Water Streets, S. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I would thank you to bid on supplying and installing a solid wood 9-inch pulley for the laboratory of this Bureau, room No. 468.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD-W

February 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Request for bids.

National Electric Supply Company,
No. 1330 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I would thank you to bid on supplying and installing a solid wood 9-inch pulley for the laboratory of this Bureau, room No. 468.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FJD-W

February 5, 1917.

Mrs. N. O. Person,
Columbia, S. C.

Madam:

I have your communication of January 31st, relative to the possible location of the Federal Land Bank in Columbia.

I am returning you herewith the papers sent me with the suggestion that this matter should be presented to the Board of Directors of the Federal Land Bank at Columbia once that institution is organized and under way.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

v E-W

Enclosures.

February 3, 1917.

American Bankers Association,
New York City, N. Y.
Attention of Mr. Wilson.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a statement to accompany the charts I left with you in your office. Will you please give this to the gentleman who has charge of the publication.

If you desire to have anything added to this, let me know.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

v E-W

Enclosure.

February 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Five-cent coinage.

Mrs. Annie I. Bradley,
McKees Rocks, Penna.

Madam:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of January 30th in regard to the five-cent piece of the Buffalo design, I would suggest that you communicate with the designer of the coin, Mr. J. E. Fraser, MacDougal Alley, New York City, in regard to the model for the Indian head on the coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

February 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Proof coins.

Mr. F. H. Galaway,
No. 7, Maiden Lane,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to Hon. W. G. McAdoo, has been referred to this office.

I am returning herewith the money order for $1.00 enclosed therewith with the information that the issuance of proof coins has been discontinued, and I am therefore unable to supply you with the coins you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

Enclosure.

February 3, 1917.

Mr. O. F. Nau,
Local Treasurer,
Illinois R. R. Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith voucher covering Pullman service, amounting to $16.92. As we are unable to identify this account, or the particular branch of the service to which it is properly chargeable I will be obliged if you will transmit the transportation request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Numismatics.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
5056 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant asking for permission to procure wax impressions of certain South American coins now in the numismatic collection of the Mint at Philadelphia.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter this day addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia authorizing him to permit such copies to be taken in his discretion, it being understood that the reproductions are to be confined to use in illustrating a work on numismatics.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Electric Furnace.

Public Service Electric Company,
84 Sip Avenue,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, relative to an electric furnace about to be installed in the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Office.

The manufacturers of the furnace are

Hamilton & Hansel
17 Battery Place
New York City.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1917.

The Director
of the Bureau of
Engraving and Printing.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 1st instant relative to scrap silver which you wished to have manufactured into strips of specified dimensions.

Confirming telephone communication of the 2nd instant you are advised that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia was instructed on the 2nd of February to receive and prepare the silver which you were sending.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1917.

Mr. Frank Nordstedt,
114 Catalpa Street,
Joliet, Illinois.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 3rd instant I take pleasure in forwarding herewith one of the new design fifty-cent pieces in exchange for the same amount sent by you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Nickel Bearing Land.

Mr. Otto Spellmeyer,
3341 Oregon Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th of January, addressed to Hon. Jacob E. Meeker, House of Representatives, has been referred by him to this Office. The letter has been transmitted to the U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., for report as to the nickel bearing land described in your communication.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 5, 1917.

Dear Congressman Meeker:

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing a letter from Mr. Otto Spellmeyer of St. Louis, relative to ore bearing lands. The letter has been forwarded to the U. S. Geological Survey, and Mr. Spellmeyer advised.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Jacob E. Meeker,
House of Representatives.

February 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Production of silver.

Mr. C. P. FitzGerald,
The Metal Bulletin,
7 East India Avenue,
London, E. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of January 23, 1917, there is enclosed under separate cover copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1915 and 1916.

The silver production of the United States during the calendar year 1915 was 74,961,075 fine ounces, and our preliminary estimate of the production of silver during the calendar year 1916 is 72,883,800 fine ounces.

The production of silver for Canada during the calendar year 1916, as estimated by Mr. John McLeish, Dept. of Mines, is 26,000,000 fine ounces.

Respectfully,

FJH von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

BL.
FHC

February 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

Secretary of the Department of Finance,

Tokyo, Japan.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31,1916.

To avoid any possible duplication in the compilations of the world's stock, it is important to state only the amount of money actually in your country on the above date, and in the interest of uniformity in the reports it is desired to show this information on the form enclosed herewith.

If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

Enclosure.

February 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Paris, France.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

To avoid any possible duplication in the compilations of the world's stock, it is important to state only the amount of money actually in your country on the above date, and in the interest of uniformity in the reports it is desired to show this information on the form enclosed herewith.

If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint,
London, England.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

To avoid any possible duplication in the compilations of the world's stock, it is important to state only the amount of money actually in your country on the above date, and in the interest of uniformity in the reports it is desired to show this information on the form enclosed herewith.

If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EB

Enclosure.

February 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of money held in foreign countries.

The Governor of the Imperial Bank of Russia,
Petrograd, Russia.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

To avoid any possible duplication in the compilations of the world's stock, it is important to state only the amount of money actually in your country on the above date, and in the interest of uniformity in the reports it is desired to show this information on the form enclosed herewith.

If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 6, 1917.

The Cashier,
Chittenden County Bank & Trust Co.,
Earle, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 31st of January, and am enclosing herewith a circular covering the issue, exchange and redemption of money, and invite your attention to article VI, paragraph 14, covering the regulations governing the redemption of silver coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: 5¢ Coinage - January, 1917.

Messrs. B. Lodge & Company,
91 North Pearl Street,
Albany, New York.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, you are informed that 4,487,000 five-cent pieces were coined during the month of January, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-

February 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Peruvian Coin Discs.

Muller, Schall & Co.,
45 William St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received this day from the State Department.

It is noted that the "Mint is authorized to prepare for the firm of Welsh Y Compania ten thousand gold blank discs of one fifth of a Peruvian Standard pound * * ."

Up to this writing this Office has received no authority to deliver the discs to any other agent than Welsh Y Compania. If you will have the firm named designate you as their agents we will be glad to direct that the coinage discs be prepared and delivered to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

Comptroller of Currency, Finance Department,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

To avoid any possible duplication in the compilations of the world's stock, it is important to state only the amount of money actually in your country on the above date, and in the interest of uniformity in the reports it is desired to show this information on the form enclosed herewith.

If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 6, 1917.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
837 - 857 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 29th ultimo in behalf of Mr. T. P. McGinn, a former employee of the San Francisco Mint.

Action has already been taken in the case of Mr. McGinn, and the Secretary of the Treasury, upon my recommendation, has directed that Mr. McGinn be dropped from the rolls.

The case was not placed before the Department until Mr. McGinn had been given ample time to conform to the regulations and requirements imposed upon all employees in such cases. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco did not act hastily in the matter, and I feel that Mr. McGinn was given every reasonable opportunity to have his case recorded without prejudice.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 6, 1917.

Dear Senator Hitchcock:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to the Chief Clerk of the Department, and referred by him to this Office.

A copy of the Circular giving the Value of Foreign Coins has been sent to Mr. L. H. Semrad, Bruno, Nebraska, with the advice that the circular was sent at your request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. G. M. Hitchcock,
United States Senate.

February 7, 1917.

The Western Union Telegraph Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith a statement of my account amounting to $3.39 for telegrams sent on my personal request during the month of January.

Will you be kind enough to render an account to the Farm Loan Board for the last two items.

I am enclosing herewith my check for $1.35 for the message sent to Tacoma.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 7, 1917.

SUBJECT: Ratio of gold and silver in deposits.

Hon. T. J. Walsh,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I have for reply your letter of February 3rd, relative to the inability of the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to receive certain quantities of gold offered for the reason that it is low grade.

In explanation of this action on the part of the Assay Office at Helena, I take the liberty of submitting to you the following data, which covers the situation:

Under the Act of June 19th, 1878, the bullion fund which is available for the purchase of gold bullion at the Mints was made available for use by the Assay Offices for the same purposes.

Sec. 3526 provides that silver bullion may be purchased when required for the coinage of subsidiary silver at the Coinage Mints, on the authority of the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

As most gold bullion carries some silver, it has been necessary by regulation to define gold bullion as bullion the value of which is one part silver in ten of gold. Practice has demonstrated that a higher ratio would not be advantageous to the Government for many reasons: First, gold bullion fit for coinage purposes must be purchased under the law. Silver bullion may be refused. If the ratio were changed in favor of silver we would be forced to take all gold bullion bearing silver within the limits prescribed and it would have the effect of the Government accumulating more silver than could be refined or be necessary for coinage. 2nd, the contingent funds of the various assay offices are limited to the extent that they cannot handle greatly increased deposits. 3rd, deposits, if greatly increased at the minor assay offices could not, under the limited appropriation of this Bureau for transportation, be shipped to the Coinage Mints.

The Refineries of this service are now far behind in their operations on bullion bearing silver which has accumulated.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

v E-W

February 9, 1917.

G. Amsinck & Co.,
P. O. Box 242,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 6th instant relative to recoinage for the Government of Colombia.

If the coins sent for recoinage are alloyed with good copper, they can be melted at the Mint, Philadelphia, and brought to the required fineness. If the material requires refining the coins could not be treated at the Philadelphia Mint, but would have to be refined at the New York Assay Office.

Can you advise this office of the approximate amount of coin likely to be received at a time, and if the coins of different denominations are segregated? The refinery of the New York Assay Office is very congested at the present time, and it would be difficult to say just how fast the coins for recoinage could be treated there. Of course, they could only be received for exchange in fine bars which would have to be sent by you to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Will you please confer with the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, who will be informed of this letter.

and instructed to give you all available information as to the practicability of handling the recoinage silver at the New York Office.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to estimate the cost of the coinage operations, aside from the treatment of the silver. This information will be transmitted to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1917.

Mr. T. C. Sherman,
608 Second Street,
Watervliet, N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of recent date, I would suggest that you consult the U. S. Arsenal, Watervliet, N.Y., which can probably furnish you with the information desired.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 9, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of rock samples.

Mr. Arthur E. Grebe,
Scottsbluff, Nebr.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, I am returning herewith the sample of rock received from you with the information that the Mint Service does not make assays for the determination of potash or metals other than stated on enclosed card. ~~materials other than silver or gold.~~ I know of no other department of the Government which makes such assays for individuals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

Enclosure.

February 9, 1917.

The Auditor
of the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith contract with the Midvale Steel Company to furnish castings to the Mint at Philadelphia for the balance of the fiscal year 1917, at 4 cents per pound.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 10, 1917.

My dear Senator:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of February 6th, erroneously addressed to me at Philadelphia, relative to the possible promotion of Mrs. Ada C. Williamson, now employed in the Philadelphia Mint.

While in Philadelphia on Thursday I took this matter up with the Superintendent of that institution, and take pleasure in advising you that Mrs. Williamson, who is now employed at $1,000.00 per annum, will be promoted to a $1200.00 clerkship.

I trust this will be satisfactory to you, and assure you that it is a pleasure to have been able to render you this small service.

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. William Alden Smith,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

v E-W

Feb. 10, 1917.

Subject - Segregation of billed items.

American Express Co.,
65 Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning your bill No. 98 in the sum of $126.95 with request that two bills be rendered, one covering the transportation of dimes and the other the bronze coin. These expenses are payable from two different places.

For your information will state that while all bills for the transportation of coin from mints should be mailed to the Treasury Department in Washington, the expense of transporting 5¢ and 1¢ pieces from mints to other Treasury offices is payable at the mint which ships the coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Feb. 12, 1917.

Subject - Freight charges.

C. S. Walker Co.,
Worcester, Mass.

Gentlemen:

U. S. Government bill of lading on which you made shipment Oct. 28th last of a magnetic chuck to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., bears notation in typewriting - Freight prepaid. Will you kindly inform me whether the freight charges were in fact prepaid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 12, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. George S. Gans,
674 W. 161st Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, you are informed that the supply of copies of the current edition of the "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World", has been exhausted. A new edition is now being prepared, a copy of which will be sent you when ready for distribution.

Stamps received with your letter are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W-

Enc.

February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Offices of the Mint service.

Mr. H. C. Rizer, Chief Clerk,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, you are informed that the list of institutions of this service where assays of ores are made, is correct, the Mint at Philadelphia having for some time been too busy to make such assays.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W.-

FHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Berne, Switzerland.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

To avoid any possible duplication in the compilation of the world's stock, it is important to state only the amount of money actually in your country on the above date and, in the interest of uniformity in the reports, it is desired to show this information on the form enclosed herewith.

If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

Enclosure.

FHL

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

February 14, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Constantinople, Turkey.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

Enclosure.

FHC

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

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February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Stockholm, Sweden.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

EBL

Enclosure.

JHC

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February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Johannesburg,
Union of South Africa.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Singapore,
Straits Settlement.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

E.B.

Enclosure.

FJH

February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of money held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Vienna, Austria-Hungary.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (Including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

Enclosure.

14

February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Peking, China.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (Including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

Enclosure.

FHC

14

February 15, 1917.

**SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.**

The Minister of Finance,

Copenhagen, Denmark.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

Out

The Minister of Finance,

Berlin, Germany.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

Enclosure.

February ~~12~~ 14, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Athens, Greece.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

To avoid any possible duplication in the compilation of the world's stock, it is important to state only the amount of money actually in your country on the above date and, in the interest of uniformity in the reports, it is desired to show this information on the form enclosed herewith.

If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Rome, Italy.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

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February 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

The Hague, Netherlands.

Sir:

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Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1917.

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The Minister of Finance,

Christiana, Norway.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

F.J.H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

EBL

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HC

February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Teheran, Persia.

Sir:

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Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

EBL

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February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Bucharest, Roumania.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EB

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February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Sofia, Bulgaria.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EL

Enclosure.

JHC

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Bankok, Siam.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1917.

Mr. James Jordan,
Findlay, Illinois.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the package forwarded by you and regret to advise you that the material is not gold.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By M M O'Reilly

Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Mr. Lee Shelton,
1019 Springwood Avenue,
Asbury Park, N. J.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen contained in your letter of the 12th instant and regret to advise you that the same is not a mineral.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Mr. Henry Chapman,
1348 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the drawings enclosed in your letter of the 8th instant which were sent to you by Mr. George B. Ross, Lebanon, Pa.

No change in any of the coins is under contemplation at the present time. As you are aware, the designs of a coin cannot be changed oftener than once in 25 years without special act of Congress.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Bodell & Co.,
10 Weybosset Street,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant relative to silver dollars, I beg to say that the Government would not be able to sell silver dollars at the market price of bullion, or as bullion.

Each silver dollar represents 100 cents in value on the books of the Treasury. The bullion value of a silver dollar at to-days market price of silver is approximately 62 cents.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Delco-Light Products

Dayton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to the Honorable Robert W. Woolley, former Director of the Mint, has been received at this Office.

The only gold coinage executed during the calendar year 1916 was that manufactured at the Mint, San Francisco. I would suggest that you address the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, San Francisco, California. He may be able to pbtain the coins you desire from the Mint in that city.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Mr. Carlton C. Fansher,
100 Waverly Avenue,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to say that the "Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, at $1.00 a copy.

I regret that we have no copies for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint
By M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Miss Anna W. Miller,
Berwind, W. Va.

Miss:

The letter addressed by you to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau for reply as to money described by you.

The coin is that made by this Government for circulation in the Philippine Islands. It is not current in this country, but is made at the San Francisco Mint for the Philippine Government,

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint

By M O Reilly

Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Kruckemeyer & Cohn,
407 Main Street,
Evansville, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

The package of jewelers scrap sent by you to this office has been forwarded to the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and the Superintendent of that institution requested to remit to you the value of the gold and silver contents, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

There is no institution of the Government service in Washington where such deposits are received.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

February 13, 1917.

Mr. S. Tagalog,
Latta Arcade Building,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 9th instant relative to Colombian money held by you for exchange, I beg to suggest that you address one of the large banks in New York or any other financial center where an exchange department is maintained and frequent reports received as to exchange rates between countries.

I regret that this Bureau has not the latest data upon the subject of exchange with Colombia, and does not receive it for other countries than Great Britain.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint
By M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Muller, Schall & Co.,
45 William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant relative to notice received from the Peruvian Legation that you are the agent to represent Welsh & Company in receiving the 10,000 gold blank discs of one-fifth of a Peruvian Pound Sterling.

Under date of February 9th the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia was authorized to execute the discs, and he has this day been advised that he is authorized to delivere the blanks to you.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Mr. Henry Schnaffenberger,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant you are advised that the issue of proof coins has been discontinued.

No Quarter Eagles are likely to be coined before the last of the current calendar year, if at all.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

SUBJECT: Colombian Coinage.

G. Amsinck & Co.,
Box 242,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of the 9th instant in which it was agreed to advise you as soon as possible as to the cost of fractional silver coinage for Colombia, I beg to submit the following estimate received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia:-

50-centavos, ------------$7.20 per thousand pieces.
20-centavos,------------ 6.50 " " "
10-centavos, ------------ 5.50 " " "

The silver, of course, to be supplied, and the cost of boxes or kegs would be extra.

The dies for the 50-centavo piece are at the Mint. Master dies and hubs for the 20-centavos and 10-centavos would cost $500 each. The charge for working dies is included in the prices given for coinage.

Respectfully,

F. J. H. von Engelken
Director of the Mint.
By
Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

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Madam:

[illegible] date, addressed to the President in behalf of your husband's appointment, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

All of the positions in the Mint Service are under the regulations of the Civil Service, and appointees are subject to examination by the Commission. We are unable to make appointments except from the eligible lists furnished by the Commission of those who have passed examinations.

I regret that I am not able to give you more definite assurance of the possibility of appointment for your husband unless he is placed on the list as a result of examination.

Respectfully

F. J. H. von Engelken

Director of the Mint.

By

Acting Director.

February 14, 1917.

Dear Congressman Moore:

I have your letter of the 7th instant enclosing a copy of a letter received by you from Mr. Rowe Stewart, President of the Poor Richard Club of Philadelphia, relative to a design for the proposed new coin of small denomination.

The suggestion that the head of Benjamin Franklin be placed upon one of our coins is very interesting, and I will take pleasure in calling attention to your letter if legislation is enacted permitting the coinage of a piece of new denomination.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. J. Hampton Moore,
House of Representatives.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Calcutta, India.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Treasurer of Ceylon,

Colombo, Ceylon.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EH

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February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Asuncion, Paraguay.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

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February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Panama, Panama.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Sir:

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Director of the Mint

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Port au Prince, Haiti.

Sir:

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Director of the Mint

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Havana, Cuba.

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EB

Enclosure,

HC

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

San Jose, Costa Rica.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EB

Enclosure,

FK

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Bogota, Colombia.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

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File

February 15, 1917.

The Minister of Finance,
Santiago, Chile.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EH

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February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EB

Enclosure.

File

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of money held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
La Paz,
Bolivia.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Buenos Aires,
Argentine.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Guatemala, Guatemala.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Quinto, Ecuador.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Santo Domingo,
Dominican Republic.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Caracas, Venezuela.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EB

Enclosure.

FHC

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Montevido, Uruguay.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

San Salvador, Salvador.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EBL

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FHC

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Lima, Peru.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Mexico City, Mexico.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

EH

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SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Lisbon, Portugal.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 13, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,
Madrid, Spain.

Sir:

This office desires in its next annual report to present a complete account showing the stock of money held in each country (including that held for foreign countries) of the world on December 31, 1916.

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If you will forward this information at an early date, together with any necessary explanation that would better enable this office to attain the object sought, I will greatly appreciate the assistance thus given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of moneys held in foreign countries.

The Minister of Finance,

Mexico, Mexico.

Sir:

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Director of the Mint.

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February 15, 1917.

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The Minister of Finance,
Managua, Nicaragua.

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Enclosure.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Seattle, 1917.

M. G. Copeland Co., February 16 7.

409 - 11th St., Washington, D. C.

ayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Seattle, Washington.

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Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1917.

The Denver Post,
Denver, Colo.
Attention of Mr. F. G. Bonfil.

Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge your letter of the 13th instant.

I did not, of course, question Mr. Annear's statement that he gave no interview; nevertheless, I join Mr. Annear in appreciation of your courtesy in sifting the matter down and relieving Mr. Annear of the onus of suspicion.

You will understand my anxiety at the time, inasmuch as we were doing everything to avoid arousing the public unduly.

Yours very sincerely,

Director of the Mint

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February 16, 1917.

Mr. Amos R. Wells,
The Christian Endeavor World,
Mt. Vernon & Hancock Sts.,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant I am enclosing herewith a copy of circular letter which gives the history of the new coins.

The Lincoln cent was designed by Mr. Victor D. Brenner.

The Buffalo Nickel was designed by Mr. James Fraser.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1917

Mr. J. M. Bell, Cashier,
The Carolina National Bank,
Columbia, South Carolina.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 15th instant, and assure you I appreciate your courteous welcome to your city. I shall look forward with pleasure to meeting you when I reach Columbia.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Hon. D. F. Lafean,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of the 15th instant addressed to the Treasury Department has been referred to this office. I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a circular issued by the Mint at Philadelphia, containing information relating to coins and medals, and am also sending you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, which I trust contains the information you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stocks of money in U. S. and the world.

Mr. H. C. VanVoorhis,
Old Citizens National Bank,
Zanesville, Ohio.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to Hon. W. C. Mooney, Washington, D. C., has been referred to this office.

In compliance with your request there is enclosed herewith a circulation statement for February 1, 1917, showing the general stock of money in the United States on February 1, 1916 and 1917. There is also enclosed under separate cover a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916. On pages 220 and 221 there is shown the stock of moneys in the world on December 31, 1915. The figures for 1916 will not be available until about October of this year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 15, 1917.

Dear Mr. Warburg:

For your convenience, and as a matter of record in your file, I am sending you herewith a complete file as given to the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of Light Weight Gold Coin.

The subject may come up before you in some future time and this file will place you in possession of the facts as they are now available to the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Paul M. Warburg,
Vice Governor,
Federal Reserve Board,
Treasury Department.

February 16, 1917.

SUBJECT: Sweeps.

Spyco Smelting & Refining Company,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Bureau of Commerce and Labor has been referred to this office, and in reply you are informed that the rich sweeps accumulated in the various institutions of this service are sweat down with letharge, giving a leady bullion, to be refined in the usual manner. The poorer grades of the sweeps are sold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1917

SUBJECT: Assays of jewelry.

Great Western Mail Order Company, Incorporated,
224 West Huron Street,
Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of a package from you containing six rings which you desire assayed.

I have to advise you that assays of jewelry are not made in this office. For your information, the charge for assaying solid gold bullion is $2.00 for each assay, and for what is known as rolled or filled plate the charge is $4.00 for each assay. I am returning the package herewith by registered mail, and if you desire these rings assayed, they should be forwarded to the U.S. Mint, New Orleans, La., or the U. S. Assay Office, New York City, with the necessary amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-

Enc.

February 17, 1917.

SUBJECT: Personnel.

Mr. A. Roberts MacMannis,
C/. Central Y. M. C. A.,
Albany, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Bureau.

The superintendents of the mints who are allowed by law to have the [illegible]vices of a confidential clerk are permitted to make their own selections when filling such positions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 17, 1917.

Farmers & Merchants Bank,
Douglasville, Ga.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant you are advised that the piece described by you is a quarter eagle. The inscription or lettering "L. CHR. Laner Numberg" must have been placed upon the piece after it went into circulation.

I am unable to tell you, without seeing the coin, where it was made. It probably has bullion value only.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

February 17, 1917.

Quartermaster's Department,
U. S. Marine Corps,
Navy Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $510.70, covering the cost of 25 gold Expert Team Riflemen's Medals.

In payment of this account please have the following amounts credited to the appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, fiscal year 1917:-

Wages of Workmen ---------$56.84
Contingent Expenses -----453.86

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 17, 1917.

SUBJECT: Peruvian blanks.

Muller, Schall & Co.,
45 William Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant you are informed that the sample disc enclosed in your letter of the 16th instant has been sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint

February 17, 1917.

Mr. Harrison Roberts,
Marydel, Md.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the Confederate note enclosed in your letter of the 14th instant and regret to advise you that the piece has no value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

February 17, 1917.

Mr. A. H. Alderman,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 16th instant in regard to the application of Mr. Charles F. Alderman for a position in the Federal Land Bank to be established at Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Alderman's application has been received and placed on file, and will be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Bank when it convenes.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

February 17, 1917.

Mr. J. O. Brown, President,
The Citizens National Bank,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 15th instant endorsing Mr. Charles F. Alderman, of Greensboro, N. C., for a position in the Federal Land Bank to be established at Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Alderman's application has been received and placed on file to be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Bank when it convenes.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

February 17, 1917.

Mr. Srinivas R. Wagel,
52 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:

From May, 1916, until the close of the calendar year, this Office was in receipt of your Weekly Bullion Letter. Since January 1st we have not received the usual copy. Will you please cause the same to be sent, advising this office of the charge for the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1917.

Mr. G. G. Watson,
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 17th instant, in regard to a position in the Federal Land Bank to be established at Columbia, S. C.

As stated in my letter of the 16th instant, your application has been placed on file and will be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Bank when it convenes.

Yours very truly,

Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1917.

SUBJECT: Value of the Canton Silver Dollar.

Messrs. Bane, Hill and Ward,
11 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, you are informed that the Canton Silver Dollar contains the same amount of fine silver as the Government Yuan Dollar, 24.171 fine grams.

The U. S. gold equivalent of the London price of silver on May 29, 1916, (Exchange at par) was $0.73984 per fine ounce, which would give the metallic value of the Canton silver dollar on the above date as $0.5749279253.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

E.B.

FMC

February 19th 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mrs. J. D. Burdick,
87 Dedyard Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Madam:

In answer to your letter of recent date, I have to inform you that the mints and assay offices of this service will accept gold bullion for deposit where the value of the same is not less than $100. If the dental scrap which you have is of that amount and you will forward it to the United States Mint at Denver, that institution will send you a check for its value, less treatment charges. It should be sent by mail or express, charges prepaid, accompanied by letter of instructions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

February 19, 1917.

SUBJECT: New silver coinage.

Mr. G. H. Peters,
No. 11, Stahl Square,
Connellsville, Penna.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 15th instant, I have to inform you that that there are several million of the new design quarter dollars in circulation, and you should be able to obtain one from any bank in your city.

No quarter eagles were coined during the year 1916, and the coinage of that denomination is not contemplated for this year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

February 19, 1917.

Dear Mr. Baker:

With your permission, and with the feeling that it might be of some assistance to you, I take the liberty of outlining some of the important matters pending in this office, and of making such suggestions in each case as my knowledge of the conditions would justify.

ELECTRIC FURNACE: I have purchased for use in the Philadelphia Mint, from the firm of Hamilton & Hansell, an electric furnace to supersede the present system of gas furnace melting. This furnace has been purchased at a cost of $7,500., and is to be installed by the manufacturers who are to operate it for us for thirty days, after which time we must either accept it or reject it if it is found unsatisfactory. The contract covering it is in the hands of Mr. Joyce. In fixing upon the price I stipulated that the manufacturers should employ for me the services of Mr. Godfrey M. S. Tait, Consulting Engineer. Mr. Tait lives in Washington and is available to you in this work, as he represents your interests solely.

CALORIZED CENTS: The General Electric Company have devised a process of calorizing one-cent pieces. It is claimed that this will prevent the cents from corroding and becoming unfit for use. The complete file on this subject is in the hands of Mr. Joyce, awaiting your attention.

ALTERED DESIGN OF THE QUARTER DOLLAR: The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized Mr. MacNeil, the designer of the new quarter dollar, to submit a modified design for the Secretary's approval. The Philadelphia Mint will reduce Mr. MacNeil's models to coin size, and will send them to you for submission to the Secretary. I would suggest that you ascertain the views of the Secret Service on this proposed change, and I leave this matter in your hands without recommendation.

COPPER PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY THE BUREAU:

The revised Regulations provide that in future copper purchases shall be made through this office, instead of by the superintendents themselves, as has been the case in the past. As you are the deciding official as to the coinage to be executed, it is fitting that requisitions for metal shall be made to you by the superintendents, and that you purchase whatever amount in your judgment is needed.

REGULATIONS: The Regulations of the Bureau of the Mint, covering the operations of the various institutions have been revised and simplified. These regulations are broad and general instructions, covering the operations of the various institutions. As they can be amended at any time by you, I would suggest that they be kept as simple as possible to avoid confusion. Any deviation from them that may be found necessary at any time can only be made with your sanction and approval.

VISIT TO MINTS AND ASSAY OFFICES: I would urge and recommend that, as soon as you can do so, you make a personal visit of inspection of the Assay Offices and Mints in your charge. I make this recommendation for two reasons. The first is that in this way you can most quickly become familiar with the work before you and, in the second place, with the exception of New York, Philadelphia and Denver, the mints and assay offices have not been visited or inspected by anyone from this office for almost a year. I believe it is good policy that the official head of the Bureau should make personal inspections periodically.

EXTRA APPROPRIATION, NEW YORK ASSAY OFFICE:

It is hoped that Congress will, before adjournment, provide the extra $200,000. necessary for the erection of the new building for the Assay Office at New York City. I have been working on this matter in connection with Mr. Bovie, of New York, and Mr. Newton, Assistant Secretary, and believe that the matter is now in such shape that it will go through at this session. If the appropriation is made, I would urge you to see that no time is lost in beginning work and completing the building, as the conditions in New York are becoming almost intolerable for lack of room.

TWO AND ONE-HALF CENT PIECE: The last report of the Director of the Mint, issued by Mr. Woolley, contained a recommendation that a two and one-half cent piece be authorized by Congress. This matter is now in the hands of the Secretary. Bills have been introduced in Congress to authorize the coinage of a ½¢ piece, a 2¢ piece, a 2½¢ piece, and a 3¢ piece. The Secretary of the Treasury has asked me to compile for him some data upon the advisability of coining a half-cent piece.

In this connection, I have requested the State Department to secure for me from the foreign governments data as to the use made in the respective countries of their coins of a value approximating our half-cent piece. This matter has not reached a point where any recommendation from me would be fitting. The file on the subject is available in this office.

MOVING GOLD FROM NEW YORK: Owing to the present international situation, and also owing to the congestion of the vaults in New York, I have suggested to the Secretary the advisability of moving a large portion of this gold to Philadelphia. For this purpose I have secured from the Express Companies a rate of 20¢ per $1,000. I recommend that a considerable portion of this gold be moved at this time inasmuch as if it should become necessary to move it suddenly it would be a physical impossibility to do so. I believe this to be a precautionary measure worthy of your serious consideration.

LIGHT WEIGHT GOLD COIN: The file on this subject is available in this office. It has been my recommendation, and also that of ex-Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Malburn that the action outlined in my letter to the Secretary, attached to the file, be taken. If you are interested in this matter, I would suggest to you a conference with Mr. Warburg, who is familiar with the subject.

COST SYSTEM: There has been completed in this office a production cost report, which is a result of the conference of the heads of the institutions held in this office last November. A letter accompanying this will give you all the necessary information covering it. I would suggest to you that you stand pat on this simplified form and avoid allowing the superintendents to clutter it up with a mass of detailed information which is no interest to you in comparing costs. The time for such information will come when you call upon the superintendents to show a reason why their unit costs exceed those of some other institution.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: I would like to recommend to you that you continue the practice of holding annually a conference of the superintendents of San Francisco, Denver, Philadelphia and New York, and that you hold this conference at the Philadelphia Mint. The first conference of this kind was held here last November, and the results have fully justified the time and expense involved.

The cost report to which I have referred will be submitted to you in June or July, and I would suggest that you call the officials in conference some time after these reports are in your hands, as you will get a great deal of valuable information in having each man analyze his report.

SETTLEMENTS: Settlements of the institutions are made once a year and should be completed before the close of the fiscal year, June 30th. I would recommend that you order the settlements to begin not later than June 1st, in order to give ample time to effect the settlements and also to get this work out of the way before the rush for coinage begins.

MINOR METAL: It has been the practice in the past in settlements to weigh all minor metal in the mints, both copper and nickel. This involves a great deal of labor and a great deal of time and, in my judgment, is useless. You would be fully protected by accepting this on invoice and without going through the performance of weighing, and would save considerable expense to the Bureau.

Yours very sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Raymond T. Baker,
Office.

February 20, 1917.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Attached hereto is a letter addressed to me by Mr. Joyce. This letter is self-explanatory.

If I may do so I would most strongly urge you at the proper time to use your influence in having Mr. Clark's salary increased from $2,500 to $3,00. I believe you will become convinced upon investigation that Mr. Clark is entirely worthy of this increase, and that even $3,000 is out of proportion to his value to the institution.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Raymond T. Baker,
Washington, D. C.

February 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. Charles J. Murphy,
Room 22, Nova Scotia Building,
St. Catherines, Ontario,
Canada.

Sir:

Your recent request for literature relating to accurate assays for gold, silver, and metals of the platinum group, addressed to the Department of the Interior, has been referred to this office. I have to inform you that nothing has been published by this Bureau on this subject since 1896. I would suggest that you consult "Methods in Metallurgical Analyses", by Charles H. White.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD-W

February 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Messrs. Wildprett & Saacke,
14 Blount St.,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request of the 13th instant, I have this day delivered to the Adams Express Company package received from you to be forwarded to the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

February 20, 1917.

Mr. Charles Rehman,
3250 South Grand Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to Hon. J. E. Meeker, has been referred to this office, and in reply I regret to inform you that this office has no statistics on mining or metallurgy in Pima County, Arizona.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

February 20, 1917.

Hon. J. E. Meeker,

House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. Charles Rehman, of St. Louis, requesting statistics on mining and metallurgy in Pima County, Arizona, has been received, and I have today written Mr. Rehman I regret this office has no such statistics.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

February 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mrs. J. W. Gamble,
526 Woodward Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Madam:

Referring to your card of the 10th instant, addressed to the Department of State, I have to advise you that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service will accept gold and silver deposits of an approximate value of $100. or more. If the chain referred to by you is of the value of $100. you may send it to the Mint of the United States at Denver, Colorado, by mail or express, prepaid, and you will receive a check for its value, less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1917.

Mr. W. P. Crews,
Kilgore, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, I have to inform you that there is no instrument known to science for locating hidden treasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

February 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Metallic contents of U. S. coins.

Editor "Answers",
The Sun,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for reply.

The standard fineness of the gold and silver coins of the United States is 900/1000 pure gold or silver, and 100/1000 copper. The nickels are composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel. The one-cent bronze pieces are composed of 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

February 20, 1917.

Mr. R. Calvert Haws, Editor,
SUCCESSFUL BANKING,
Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Haws:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to Hon. F. J. H. von Engelken, Director of the Mint, I beg to advise you that Mr. von Engelken has left the city and taken up the work of President of the Federal Land Bank, Columbia, S. C.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Secretary.

February 21, 1917.

**SUBJECT: Gold and Treasury Notes in London Market.**

Mr. C. L. Serrill,
C/o. Thos. A. Biddle & Co.,
424 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In response to that part of your communication of recent date, addressed to the Department of Commerce, which has been referred to this office for reply, pertaining to the London market for gold, you are informed that quotations by Messers Sharp & Wilkins' Bullion Circular do not indicate any premium on gold. The figure is 77s. 9d. per ounce o.916-2/3 fine, which was the same during the last year.

In answer to your question - "Can holders of Treasury Notes in London get gold on demand in exchange for notes?" - I will quote sub-sections 3 and 4 under Section I. of the Currency and Bank Notes Act of August 6, 1914:-

> (3) The holder of a currency note shall be entitled to obtain on demand, during office hours at the Bank of England, payment for the note at its face value in gold coin which is for the time being legal tender in the United Kingdom.
>
> (4) The treasury may subject to such conditions as to time, manner, and order of presentation as they think fit, call in any currency notes under this act on paying for those notes at their face value in gold.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

EBC-

February 21, 1917.

Mr. C. D. McGregor,
3132 Cottage Grove Avenue,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to Secretary McAdoo, has been referred to this office for reply. The coinage laws of all the Gold Standard countries of the world have fixed the quantity of fine gold to be coined into their monetary standard units - the sovereign, dollar, franc, mark, etc., thereby fixing the price of an ounce of fine gold as expressed in United States dollars at $20.67183 .

From the above you will perceive that the rule of supply and demand has nothing to do with fixing the coining value of an ounce of gold.

However, as of possible interest to you I would refer you to a pamphlet by Irving Fisher, Ph. D., of Yale University, on a "Compensated Dollar" by means of an automatically adjusted seigniorage, and also to an article by John Raymond Cummings, author of "Natural Money" in the January number of the New York Bankers' Magazine, pages 17 - 19.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

EBC.

February 21, 1917.

The Assistant Secretary and Treasurer,
National Bank of Nicaragua, Inc.,
38 Pine Street,
New York City.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has advised this Bureau that under date of February 16th you were informed that the collector of customs at New York was instructed to admit to free entry dies for the Nicaraguan coinage.

The formal authorization through the State Department has not yet reached us, but the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to proceed with the preparation of the necessary details for the coinage, in order that there may be no delay when the notice is received to execute the coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 23, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays Made for the John Hood Co.

Mr. Edward J. Wessels,
345 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

Sir:

Your letter of Feby. 21st, requesting that you be furnished with copies of eleven assays alleged to have been made by some institution in this service for the John Hood Co., of Boston, has been received, and in reply I beg to advise you that assays made for private concerns are made at their request and expense and cannot be considered as public property, and I regret to advise you that it would not be practicable to comply with your request.

It would seem that you should have no trouble in obtaining copies of these assays from the John Hood Co., inasmuch as they make the assertion thay they have a record of such assays.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-

February 23, 1917.

Mr. G. H. Peters,
11 Stahl Square,
Connellsville, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant you are advised that all of the quarter dollars of new design which were minted in 1916 have been placed in circulation. I am unable to tell you where you might obtain any of these coins.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 23, 1917.

Sir:

Responding to an inquiry over the telephone I beg to submit herewith a list of coin collectors or dealers who are well known in numismatic circles:-

S. H. Chapman, Drexel Building, Philadelphia.
Ben S. Green, Masonic Temple, Chicago.
Thomas L. Elder, 32 East 23rd St., New York City.
American Numismatic Society, New York City.
Scott Coin and Stamp Co., New York City.
J. W. Scott & Co., 57 John Street, New York City.
Henry Chapman, Jr., 1348 Pine Street, New York City.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Henry L. Myers,
United States Senate.

February 23, 1917.

Mr. Leon L. Litt,
General Delivery,
Roanoke, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 16th instant I beg to say that dental scrap in quantities approximating $100 and over in value will be received at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, and the gold and silver contents paid for, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

F.H.Chaffin

Acting Director ofthe Mint

February 23, 1917.

Hon. J. Hamilton Lewis,
United States Senate.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing a communication from Mr. G. W. Toms, Chicago, Illinois, in regard to a proposed new fractional coin, has been transmitted to this Office for attention.

I take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Toms.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
Letter of Mr. Toms
as requested.

February 23, 1917.

Mr. G. W. Toms,
Hotel Alexandria,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to Honorable J. Hamilton Lewis, United States Senate, has been by him referred to this Bureau for reply.

Several Bills have been introduced during the present session of Congress looking to the enactment of legislation in regard to the coinage of a 2½-cent piece or a ½-cent or three-cent piece. No definite action has been taken up to the present time.

This Department has made no recommendation to Congress covering the subject of a new fractional coin.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 23, 1917.

Mr. E. E. McLean,
Bremerton, Wisconsin.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant relative to the subject of the model for the Indian head on the five cent nickel piece.

The Department has no information as to the individual selected by the artist who designed the coin. I would suggest that you address the sculptor, Mr. James E. Fraser, MacDougal Alley, New York City.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 23, 1917.

Timms Jewelry Company,
Atlanta, Ga.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant advising of the shipment of bar gold. The package containing the bars has been received and transmitted to the Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent of that institution will remit to you the value of the gold and silver contents, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

There is no institution connected with the Government in Washingtoh where deposits are received or treated.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 23, 1917.

Miss L. A. Keene,
7 Penny Brock Road,
W. Lynn, Mass.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, a copy of Department Circular No. 52, and a medal circular. These are the only publications issued by the Department gratuitously.

The "Catalogue of Coins, Token and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia" is sold by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, for $1.00 per copy.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 24, 1917.

Mr. F. E. Aspinwall,
Cedar Springs Farm,
Box 86, Route 1,
LaGrange, Ky.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 21st instant.

Several Bills have been introduced in Congress looking to the coinage of a new denomination of minor coin, but no definite action has as yet been taken.

Your letter relative to the designs of the new coins has been read with interest.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 24, 1917.

Mr. Joseph T. Cosby,
Manager,
National City Bank,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant relative to the new edition of the Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World.

Owing to conditions in Europe we have not been able to obtain information very promptly. We hope now to have the new edition in print by April 1st. Your name is on the list for several copies as soon as they are available.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 24, 1917.

SUBJECT: World's Output of Gold and Silver.

Mr. A. W. Schwaikert,
154 East End Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

In compliance with your request to the U. S. Geological Survey for information as to the world's output of gold and silver for the past twenty (20) years, I am sending to you under separate cover a copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint, in which on pages 210, 211 and 223 you will find the data desired.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

EBC. ✓

February 26, 1917.

Mr. C. W. Drew,
Cerro de Pasco Mining Company,
15 Broad Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant I beg to say that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to prepare as soon as possible the knurls desired by you for the Mint at Lima.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

Feb. 26, 1917.

Assistant Treasurer, U. S.,
New York City.

Sir:

Will you kindly accomplish the enclosed bill of lading and return same to this office; it supports a bill for the transportation charges on the coin in question.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

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Acting Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Hon. John F. Shafroth,

U. S. Senate.

My dear Senator:

I have your letter of the 26th instant, requesting that I send to Mr. John P. Lower of Denver a copy of the "Catalog of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Philadelphia Mint".

I regret that there are no copies of this publication available for gratuitous distribution. A copy may be procured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for $1.00.

Respectfully,

F. E. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Value of the Canton Silver Dollar.

Messers Bane, Hill & Ward,
11, Broadway,
New york City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your request of the 26th instant regarding the value of the Canton Silver Dollar, you are informed that inasmuch as the Canton dollar contains the same amount of fine silver as the Yuan dollar and, providing shipment was consigned in the quarter beginning with April 1st, the value of the Yuan dollar as proclaimed by the Secretary of the Treasury on April 1, 1916, should be used for customs purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

EBC-✓

February 27, 1917.

Mr. J. A. Scanlon,
Manager Foreign Department,
14 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant I beg to advise you that we are now preparing a new edition of the pamphlet entitled "The Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" which we hope to have in print by April 1st. A copy will be sent to you immediately upon a supply becoming available.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 28, 1917.

Mr. W. R. Hyre,
134 Randolph Street,
Buckhannon, W. Va.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing a coin which you desired tested has been received. I beg to inform you that the coin is not gold, and it is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

Enc.

February 28, 1917.

Dear Mr. Comings:

Referring to our conversation some days ago in Philadelphia with relation to the proportion of silver contained in gold deposits not exceeding in value the proportion of one part silver to ten parts gold, I enclose herewith a copy of the regulation which was issued July 21, 1906, as I promised you I would do. You will observe that the proportion is based on value.

Yours very truly,

Mr. George R. Comings,
Assayer, United States Assay Office,
New York City.

FHC-W

March 1, 1917.

Subject - Bill for coin transportation.

American Express Co.,
65 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find your bill No. 172. Kindly render two bills in lieu of same, one for transportation of the silver and the other for transportation of the nickels and cents. This is necessary as the expense of transporting minor coin from the mints is payable by the mint which ships the coin while the cost of shipping other coin is payable in Washington. All bills, however, should be forwarded to Washington.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1917.

The Assistant Secretary
and Treasurer,
National Bank of Nicaragua,
38 Pine Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Under date of February 28th the Secretary of State transmitted a copy of the note received from the Charge d'Affaires of Nicaragua requesting the execution of the coinage proposed by you, and to be delivered to you.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has this day been instructed by telephone to make immediate preparation for the manufacture of the coins, and to deliver the same to you upon their completion.

Respectfully,

F.H.Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1917.

Mr. J. Wesley Craig,
Cassville, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant I beg to say that the McKinley Memorial Dollars are delivered to the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, Niles Ohio, and that Association is selling the coins at $3.00 each, or four for $10.00. The Department does not handle them.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 1, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of clays.

Mrs. M. B. Holland,
No. 425 Benton Street,
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of February 26th, I beg to advise you that the offices of this service do not make analyses of clays. It is suggested that some private assayer might be able to make the analysis which you desire.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 1, 1917.

Mr. W. F. Krueger,
P. O. Box 377,
Montgomery City, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 26th instant I beg to say that the initials "AWW" appearing on the new half dollars are those of the designer, Mr. Adolph A. Weinman.

Respectfully,

F.H.Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 1, 1917.

Dear Dr. Wright:

Replying to your card of the 24th instant relative to the $3.00 gold piece you have, I beg to say that there are no $3.00 gold pieces in the Treasury. Coin dealers hold them at a premium, when they are in good condition.

The Government would allow only bullion value for the piece since it is, from your description, quite abraded.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

Dr. E. S. Wright,
321 1st Avenue,
Salt Lake, Utah.

March 1, 1917.

Mr. W. C. Minger,
Assistant Assayer,
U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant stating that you desired to be considered for a transfer from the Mint at New Orleans to a similar position in the Assay Office at New York, Philadelphia or San Francisco.

Your letter has been placed on file, and will be referred to in case a vacancy is created to which you might be transferred.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 1, 1917.

Reverend William Richmond,
Summerville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th ultimo I beg to say that the preparation of proof coins and sale of the same has been permanently discontinued.

I am enclosing herewith the circular covering the same.

Respectfully,

F.H.Chaffin
Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

March 2nd, 1917.

SUBJECT: Silver coinage - 1872.

Hon. George Huddleston,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency, has been referred to this office for reply, and I beg to inform you that during the year 1872 the silver coinage of the United States amounted to $4,024,747.60, which included half dollars to the amount of $866,775.00

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 2nd, 1917.

SUBJECT: Quarter-eagles.

Mr. C. H. Mott,
C/o Messrs. Zimmerman and Forshay,
9 and 11, Wall Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Mott:

I have your letter of the 1st instant, in which you state that you are desirous of obtaining $10,000.00 in two and one-half dollars gold pieces of old issue, and in reply would say that I took the matter up with Mr. Pearse, the Cashier of the Treasury, and he states that they have on hand some $30,000.00 in quarter eagles, all of which is coin that has been in circulation and is a mixture of the old and new design. He states that it would be almost impossible to select the old issue from this lot.

If you desire any of these gold pieces, it is suggested by Mr. Pearse that you could have your Washington correspondent deposit the amount that you desire with the Treasurer, and they can be shipped to you from here at your expense. I am sorry that I could not help you in obtaining the old issue.

With best regards, I am,
Very truly yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 2nd, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold production.

Messrs. Thorn & Maginnis,
209 Varieties Place,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 27th ultimo, I am enclosing you under separate cover a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, from which you can obtain the gold production of the United States up to January 1, 1916, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of the estimated production of gold and silver in the United States for the calendar year 1916.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

Enclosure.

FHC-W

March 2, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage of dimes in 1916.

Mr. L. A. Heilman,
No. 66, W. Main St.,
Greenville, Penna.

Sir:

Answering your card of the first instant, I beg to inform you that the following was the coinage of dimes at the Mints at San Francisco and Denver during the calendar year 1916:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Denver Mint, - | $26,400.00 |
| San Francisco Mint, - | $1,627,000.00 |

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: 2-Cent coinage.

Mr. Charles Schaefer, Secretary,
Philadelphia Jobbing Confectioners' Asso.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of February 23rd, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for reply, and I have to inform you that it has been placed on file for consideration in connection with other recommendations in regard to the proposed two-cent piece.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-W

March 3rd, 1917.

SUBJECT: Stock of gold in the United States.

Mr. R. B. Porter, Secretary,
Trust & Deposit Company of Onondaga,
Syracuse, New York.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiries contained in an undated letter just received, you are informed that the total stock of gold in the United States on August 1, 1914, was $1,887,270,664, as compared with a stock of $2,968,355,434. on March 1, 1917.

According to figures compiled from reports of 7,584 national banks, dated December 27, 1916, (the latest data available) the total reserve of gold coin and bullion on the above date was $157,227,000.

The total money (all kinds) in circulation on March 1, 1917 is $4,583,695,870.

From the above figures, the amount of gold coin and bullion held in the vaults of national banks is about 3.4 per cent of the total money in circulation.

Respectfully,

E.B.C.

F.H.Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 3, 1917.

SUBJECT: Mutilated coins.

Mrs. H. E. Robison,
3936 Brooklyn Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Madam:

Your letter of February 27th with regard to coins which were run over by a street car has been received, and I would request that you forward the coins to this office and we will present them to the Treasurer of the United States and, if possible, have them redeemed for face value.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin
Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 6th, 1917.

SUBJECT: Value of Mexican Currency.

Mr. W. A. Willeroy,
Palls, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 28th, you are informed that the silver contained in the Mexican Peso is worth about $0.602048 in United States money.

This office is unable to advise you as to whether this currency is apt to appreciate or depreciate in value.

Respectfully,

EBL

F H Chaffin
Acting Director of the Mint.

March 6th, 1917.

SUBJECT: Composition of five-cent piece.

Editor of "Answers",
The Sun,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, you are informed that the composition of the United States five-cent piece is 75% copper and 25% nickel.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin
Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Telegrams.

The Postal Telegraph Company,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On February 26th this office wired the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, Colorado, as follows:

> "Forward platinum sponge to Assay Office at New York for sale".

A copy of this telegram was forwarded by mail in confirmation.

On March 2nd, the Superintendent of the Denver Mint sent to this office a telegram, of which the following is in confirmation:

> "February twenty-sixth received telegram from you as follows Forward platinum sponge to New Orleans for sales. Have received your letter same date directing shipment to New York Assay Office. Platinum forwarded by express yesterday to New Orleans Assay Office. Have requested Express Company to divert it to New York".

The message received at this office read as follows:

> "February twenty-sixth received telegram from you as follows Forward platinum Spokane to New Orleans for sales Have received your letter same date directing shipment to New York Assay Office Platinum forwarded by express yesterday to New Orleans Assay Office Have requested Express Company to divert it to New York".

I would thank you to investigate this matter and report to this office as to your findings as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mr. George M. Fleming,
Molalla, Oregon.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, you are informed that the Assay Office at Seattle, Washington, will accept deposits of gold bullion of not less than $100. in value, and will remit to you the value of the same, less treatment charges, at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint

March 7th, 1917.

SUBJECT: Silver dollars.

Mr. George B. Shelby, Vice-President,
Shelby Bank,
Shelby, Miss.

Sir:

Returning herewith by registered mail the three silver dollars received with your letter of the 5th instant, I have to inform you that these coins appear to be genuine.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

March 7, 1917.

Mr. Franklin W. Hobbs,
C/. Arlington Mills,
78 Chauncy Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant relative to the gold production of California.

Bulletin No. 71 of the California State Mining Bureau gives the value of the gold production from and including 1848 as $1,631,183,696. The figures are compiled from the Reports of this Bureau in part, and from reliable sources outside, and are believed to be accurate.

Respectfully.

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1917.

Mr. R. C. Ballard Thruston,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of the 1st instant I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of Department Circular No. 52, which gives the information you are seeking in regard to coinage. I am also enclosing a copy of the coinage laws, and a copy of the last report of the Director of the Mint.

I would suggest that the American Numismatic Society of New York might be able to cite some recent publications of interest.

I am enclosing a copy of the section of the penal code which covers the reproduction of coins and would suggest that you seek interpretation of the same by consulting counsel.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 6, 1917.

Miss Genevieve C. Smith,
Chapin House,
Northampton, Mass.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant I beg to say that the government never issued a gold coin of less value than $1.00. The pieces described by you were issued by private parties. They are not, of course, legal tender.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 7, 1917.

Miss Mary Hoffman,
466 North Franklin Street,
Chambersburg, Penna.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant I beg to say that the Government pays no premium on any issue of coins, and issues no list of values of the same.

I would suggest that you write to the American Numismatic Society, New York City, for information as to a possible purchaser of the coins, you have.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 7th, 1917.

SUBJECT: One-cent coinage.

Mr. P. B. Medlar,
Montpelier, Vt.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant, you are informed that $559,751.20 in one-cent pieces of the Lincoln design were coined during the year 1915.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 8, 1917.

Mr. John P. Hannon,
Company S,
Soldiers Home,
Hampton, Va.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant the following is submitted:-

The dime sent by you was coined in the Mint at Philadelphia. This is determined by the absence of a mint mark. Coins manufactured at other mints bear a small initial which shows the special mint at which the coinage was executed.

Dimes were coined in the Mint at Philadelphia, the Mint at San Francisco, and the Mint at New Orleans in 1894.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

March 8th. 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage of dimes.

Mr. L. A. Heilman,
66 West Main Street,
Greenville, Penna.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your card of the 7th instant, I give below a statement showing the coinage of dimes at the San Francisco and Denver Mints during the calendar year 1916:-

| | |
|---|---|
| San Francisco, new design, - | $1,045,000.00 |
| " " old " | 582,000.00 |
| Denver, new design, - | $ 26,400.00 |
| " old " | - - - - - |

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-W

March 8, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold production of the world.

Messrs. Thorn and Maginnis,
209, Varieties Place,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of the 5th instant, there is enclosed herewith a revision of the figures showing the production of gold in the world during the calendar years 1878-1915, inclusive. Final figures for the calendar year 1916 will not be available until about October next. However, an estimate in this office would show a total production of approximately $463,000,000. for the calendar year 1916.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

EBL

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 8, 1917.

The Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $3,300 covering the cost of the manufacture of 6,000 pesos in one-centavos, 10,000 pesos in five centavos and 10,000 pesos in ten centavos, delivered to the representative of the War Department on March 3rd.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations of the Mint at San Francisco, 1917, as follows:-

Wages of Workmen ---------------$2,200.00
Contingent Expenses, -------------1,100.00

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 8, 1917.

Chief of the Insular Bureau,
War Department, Washington.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the San Francisco Mint for coin boxes used in shipment of gold coin to the Philippine Islands. Please cause the sum in question, $9.59, to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1917.

Subject - Accounts.

Adams Express Co.,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your bill No. F-57 in the sum of $2.14 is received. It is supported by a certificate of shipment in lieu of lost bill of lading but the correspondence tending to prove loss of the B/L is not present; please forward same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1917.

Mr. Fred C. Shea,
18 Prescott Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 8th instant I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the coinage laws, and also, a copy of Department Circular No. 52 which gives the history of the Trade Dollar.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 9, 1917.

The Fidelity and Casualty Company
of New York,
92 Liberty Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to say that Mr. Charles G. Becker, Helper in the U. S. Assay Office, New York, executed a bond with another Company which was approved February 16, 1917.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 10, 1917.

SUBJECT: Purchase of gold bars.

Dr. R. N. Price,
1959 W. Chicago Avenue,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 8th instant, I beg to advise you that gold of standard fineness (coin gold), or gold of the fineness of 999 or better, can be purchased from the United States Assay Office at New York City in quantities of not less than $5,000., in bar form.

There is no law prohibiting the use of gold coin for the purposes stated in your letter.

I enclose herewith a table of charges for such gold bars.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 10, 1917.

Mr. Franklin W. Hobbs,
Arlington Mills,
78 Chauncy Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:

Supplementing my letter of the 7th instant I beg to state that the value of the gold taken from Alaska from 1880 to 1916 inclusive amounted to $273,054,050.

I regret that this information was omitted from my letter of the 7th.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

March 10, 1917.

Mr. O. B. Hanson,
Clifton, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to say that the Government does not publish a Coin Encyclopedia, and I am unable to advise you where you might obtain one.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the last Report of the Director of the Mint which gives the coinage from the beginning of our history, and will be glad to have your name placed on our mailing list for future publications.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. C. R. Crane,
Route No. 3,
Owosso, Michigan.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, I would suggest that you consult "Rare Metals" by J. J. Ohly, and "Introduction to Rarer Elements" by P. E. Browning.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD-W

March 12, 1917.

Adams Express Co.,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Herewith find your bill No. F-57 in the sum of $2.14. It should be supported by correspondence - see certificate of consignor on the printed "certificate of shipment" form - tending to prove that the original bill of lading was lost and that search fails to locate same.

Please read and comply with printed instructions (paragraph 11) on back of the certificate of shipment form.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1917.

SUBJECT: Recovery of gold, silver and copper.

Mr. J. E. Woodland,
Director of Chemical Laboratory,
Mechanics Institute,
Rochester, New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, I beg to inform you that with such low grade material and so little of it, it would scarcely be feasible to recover the copperas metal. Its recovery as nitrate might be profitable under some conditions.

Perhaps the best way to handle such small quantities would be to neutralize nitric acid with the metal and then add an excess of scrap to precipitate the silver, finelly filtering off the residue and melting it to a fairly high grade bar that would be sold to regular refiners or to the New York Assay Office. Then the nitrate of copper could be recovered from the solution by crystallization, if advisable.

It might interest you to consult Percy's Metallurgy Silver and Gold, Part I, Lond. 1880, particularly at page

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494, but also before and after that.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD-W

March 12, 1917.

Mr. R. C. Ballard Thruston,
1000 Columbia Building,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I beg to say that the McKinley Memorial Dollars are being sold by the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio, at $3.00 each or four for $10.00.

I trust my letter of the 7th instant, sent at the time the reports were forwarded, has reached you.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1917.

Mrs. H. E. Robison,
3936 Brooklyn Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Madam:

I am enclosing herewith 85 cents in exchange for the mutilated coins sent by you.

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1917.

Mr. Clyde H. Osborn,
Mississippi Centennial Exposition,
Gulfport, Mississippi.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant relative to the use of a press for the striking of medals at the Mississippi Centennial Exposition.

The pressure for coinage at this time is so great as to prevent the lending of a press from any one of the mints. It is difficult for us to meet the present requirements of the public with our full number of presses in operation, and it would cripple our operations to be deprived of even one press under the circumstances.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 12, 1917.

Mr. George Otis Smith, Director,
United States Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to Hon. F. J. H. von Engelken, former Director of the Mint, in regard to a topographic map issued by the Geological Survey, a copy of which has also been received.

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending a copy of the map to this office and your offer to permit Government employees to secure copies at the wholesale price of 15¢ each.

Very truly yours,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 15, 1917.

Hon. Julius Kahn,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Kahn:

Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Office for reply.

During the latter months of the calendar year 1916 all of the mints were operated on overtime. The per annum employees received no extra compensation, but the men paid from the wage appropriation, on a per diem basis, were compensated for the overtime they served. There is no fund with which to pay per annum employees when they work overtime.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 13, 1917.

Mr. D. L. Langston,
R. R. No. 7,
Wakulla, Florida.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the sample enclosed by you and beg to say that the same is not one of the precious metals.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 13, 1917.

Thomas J. Dee & Co.,
5 South Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant I beg to say that figures based on the reports of the larger gold and silver producing countries of the world for the calendar year 1916 would show an approximate production of $465,000,000 and $178,384,000 respectively.

Final figures showing the world's production of the above metals will not be available until October.

If this Bureau can serve you in any way please call upon us.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

EBC.

March 14, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage of half-dollars.

Mr. James Eames,
No. 40, Washington Avenue,
Riverside, R. I.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant, I beg to inform you that half dollars of the new design have been coined as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| In 1916, - | $1,065,200.00 |
| January and February, 1917, - | 1,577,700.00 |

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1917.

The Director,
Bureau of Mines,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I would thank you to supply this office with a copy of your bulletin No. 122, on sampling metallurgical materials, by E. Keller.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD-W

March 14, 1917.

Mr. F. B. Pulliam,
Whitesville, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to advise you that foreign noney is purchased as bullion after the coin has been weighed. It is not exchangable for United States money at a bank. It is paid for as so much gold bullion.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 14, 1917

SUBJECT: Weight of coins of the United States.

Mr. Howard Richards, jr., Secretary,
American Metric Association,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, I beg to inform you that the weight, in grams, of the coins of the United States, is as follows:

| Denomination. | Weight. Grams. | Fine weight. Grams. |
|---|---|---|
| **GOLD.** | | |
| Double eagle ($20.), - | 33.4370 | 30.0933 |
| Eagle ($10.), - | 16.7185 | 15.0466 |
| Half Eagle ($5.), - | 8.3592 | 7.5232 |
| Quarter eagle ($2.50), - | 4.1796 | 3.7616 |
| One Dollar, - | 1.6718 | 1.5046 |
| **SILVER.** | | |
| Dollar, - | 26.7301 | 24.0570 |
| Half dollar, - | 12.5000 | 11.2500 |
| Quarter dollar, - | 6.2500 | 5.6250 |
| Dime, - | 2.5000 | 2.2500 |
| **MINOR.** | | |
| 5-Cents, - | 5.0000 | |
| One-cent, - | 3.1104 | |

Respectfully,

F. H. Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1917.

Mr. John E. Fredin,
Box 182,
Bison, South Dakota.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant you are advised that the volume of coinage executed is regulated by demand from the people through the banks and sub-treasuries of the country.

I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint which shows the coinage from the beginning of our history until the present time.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1917.

Messrs. Harvey Fiske & Sons,
62 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This office would be pleased to receive a copy of the book entitled "Insular Possessions of the United States: Republic of Cuba", which, I understand, has been prepared by you for gratuitous distribution.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 14, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of platinum.

Mr. George Clough,
C/o Wireless Station,
Denmark, Curry County, Oregon.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, I beg to inform you that the Mint service does not make assays of platinum. I would suggest that you consult some private assayer.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 15, 1917.

G. Amsinck & Co.,
P. O. Box 242,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I beg to say that 25 centavo pieces of a fineness of 835 were coined in the Mint at Philadelphia in the year 1914 for the Government of Salvador.

The Superintendent of the Mint has been requested to advise this Bureau of the amount of silver required, the cost of coinage per thousand pieces, and the number of dies necessary to execute a coinage of 1,000,000 pieces. Upon receipt of information you will be advised immediately.

Respectfully,

FHChaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent expenses, Office of Director of the Mint
1917.

Messrs. Mackall Brothers,
823 H Street NE Washington, D.C.

March 16, 1917

------ as soon as possible.

Director of the Mint, Treasury, Washington, D.C.

| Item | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4411-(b) | Acid, nitric; on specifications C. p. sp. gr., 1.42, in 7-lb. bottles; 10 bottles to the case, - | 1 case | lb..13¢ | $9. 10 |

$9. 10

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 16, 1917.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $360.30, covering the cost of the manufacture of 36 2-cent embossing dies for Huckins press made from hub No. 618.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriations of the Mint, Philadelphia, 1917, as follows:-

Wages of Workmen ----------$342.94
Contingent Expenses -------- 17.36 360.30

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 16, 1917.

Miss Alice Martin,
4505 Olive Street,
St, Louis, Mo.

Miss:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instnnt enclosing a watch for disposal.

The Offices of the Mint Service are not required to receive deposits which do not approximate in value $100.00, but in this case, an exception will be made. There is no office connected with the Government in Washington where such deposits are received. The case and chain have been sent to the Mint at Denver and the Superintendent of that institution requested to forwarded to you the value of the gold, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 16, 1917.

Mr. Robert C. Fosket,
1209 Avenue R,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant you are advised that the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is now being revised and brought up to daye. As soon as the new edition is ready a copy will be sent to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1917.

Mr. D. F. Vickers,
Houston, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant you are advised that the initials "B. L. P." are those of the designer of the $2.50 gold piece - Mr. Bela L. Pratt.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1917.

Harvey Fisk & Sons,
62 Cedar Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant transmitting a copy of your Bond Book No. 7 in regard to the Insular Possessions of the United States and the Republic of Cuba.

The Book will be of value to us, and I beg you to accept my thanks for the same.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1917.

Advance Machine Company,
37 Osborn Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The inquiry addressed by you to the Bureau of Standards has been transmitted by the Director of that Bureau to this Office.

It would be impossible to write such a specification as you look for without knowing conditions, grade and amount of metal to be treated, grades of production required, technical skill available. Such small plant as you refer to would be very expensive to operate.

If you care to consult a file of the Reports of the Director of the Mint, which doubtless you will find in any public Library, and will refer to the Report of 1902, p. 121, 1912, p. 49, 1913, p. 41; and to Metallurgical and Chemical Engineering (Formerly Electrochemical and Metallurgical Industry,) Vol. I, p. 157, Vol. II, p. 221, Vol. VI P. 355, 408, 450, VIII 62, 82, 433, Vol. IX, 443, Engineering and Mining Journal Vol. XCII p. 901, 950. you will find a description of Mint practices.

I would also suggest "Gold Refining" by Donald Clerk, published by Pitman of London.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 19th 1917

Dear Mr. MacNeil:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant relative to the modification of the designs of the Quarter Dollar.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia submitted the coin for inspection and it has been found that the changes made are pronounced enough to call for marked changes in the dies now being used.

Section 3510 R. S. provides:-

> * "The Director of the Mint shall have power, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause new designs or models of authorized emblems or devices to be prepared and adopted in the same manner as when new coins or devices are authorized. But no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the year of the first adoption of the design, model, die, or hub for the same coin." * * *.

The specimen coin was submitted to the Solicitor of the Treasury Department with the request that an opinion be rendered as to the application of the section cited in the case of the altered coin. That officer was of the opinion that the changes proposed could not be permitted under the provisions of the Section transcribed above, without an Act of Congress.

Upon the re-convening of Congress in April an effort will be made to bring about legislation which will permit the alterations in the Quarter Dollar in accordance with the specimen submitted.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been directed to retain the dies for the altered design until further instructed by the Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Hermon A. MacNeil,
Northern Boulevard,
College Point, N. Y.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 20, 1917.

Glendenin Brothers, Baltimore, Md.
H. P. Tyson, San Francisco, Cal.
Selby Smelting & Lead Company, San Francisco, Cal.
W. M. O'Brian, San Francisco, Cal.
L. Vogelstein,& Co., 42 Broadway, New York City
American Metal Company, New York City.
United Metal Selling Co., 42 Broadway, New York.

This Bureau will receive proposals until two o'clock Thursday, March twenty-second on delivery fourteen tons electrolytic copper to Mint San Francisco. You are invited to bid.

Baker
Director.

ICIAL BUSINESS.
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.
2—6327
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

**WHERE WRITTEN:**

Washington,

March 20, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Co., New York City.
Handy & Harman, New York City.
Zimmermann & Forshay, New York City.
Kountze Brothers, New York City.
United Metals Selling Company, New York City.
American Metals Company. New York City.

SUBJECT: Purchase of silver.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive proposals until two o'clock Friday, March twenty-third, on the delivery of two hundred thousand ounces fine silver to the Mint at San Francisco, and two hundred thousand ounces of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia.

You are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City, New York.

March 20, 1917

Mr. M. J. Williams,
P. O. Box 384,
Fernandino, Fla.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the Confederate note enclosed with your letter of the 16th instant, and beg to inform you that the same has value only as a curio.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

March 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Distribution of Annual Report.

Mr. J. G. Godwin,
C/o Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.,
Godwin, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to Hon. H. L. Godwin, House of Representatives, has been referred to this office, and I have taken pleasure in forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916.

No gold coins of the denomination of 25¢ or 50¢ have ever been coined by this Government.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Distribution of Annual Report.

Hon. Wm. P. Borland,
House of Representatives.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to Hon. F. J. H. von Engelken, former Director of the Mint, has been received, and I have taken pleasure in sending to Mr. Ben H. Berkshire, of Kansas City, a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: New silver coinage.

Mr. A. G. Reed,
85 Trumble Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant, in which you say the word "Trust" in the motto "In God We Trust" upon the new design quarter dollar is erroneously spelled, has been received, and in reply I beg to advise you that while the letter "u" in "Trust" has the appearance of a "v", it is the letter "u", specially designed by the artist to conform to the other lettering of the coin, as you will observe the same style of "u" used in the words "E Pluribus Unum".

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Miss Helena S. Kelly,
716 Park Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Madam:

In answer to your letter of the 14th instant, I beg to inform you that the United States Assay Office at New York City will purchase gold and silver in quantities of not less than $100.00 in value, paying you at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce for gold, and at the current price, viz: 72¢ per fine ounce, for silver.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Proof coins.

Mr. Hermon C. MacNeil,
219 Market St.,
Lynn, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I beg to inform you that the issuance of proof coins has been discontinued.

The Treasury Department will redeem its fractional script currency, but none is being issued at the present time.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1917.

SUBJECT; Coinage of new denominations.

Mr. F. H. Elliott, Executive Secretary,
Motion Picture Industry,
Times Building, New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant, with reference to the manufacture of a coin of the denomination of 15 cents, with especial regard to the requirements of the motion picture industry, has been received.

I have noted the arguments advanced in favor of a coin of the denomination mentioned, and in the event it is proposed to issue such a coin your letter will be referred to with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: One-cent coinage.

Mr. John Bellinger,
416 Dallas Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, I beg to inform you that one-cent pieces of the Lincoln design to the number of 80,568,432 pieces were coined during the calendar year 1914, the value of the same being $805,684.32

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 20, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mr. L. G. Lemley,
Grinnell, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I beg to inform you that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service, a list of which is contained on the enclosed card, will purchase gold and silver in quantities of not less than $100.00 in value, the price paid for gold being $20.67 per fine ounce, and for silver at present 72¢ per fine ounce. No allowance is made depositors for platinum contained in deposits, nor do the institutions of the Mint service purchase it.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 21, 1917.

SUBJECT: Weight of coins.

Mr. W. H. Harbison,
Crown Point Ranch,
Valleyford, Washington.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of inquiry referred by the Treasurer of the United States to this Bureau, I would state:

The Act of September 26, 1890, does not, nor was it intended to, specify the weight of any coin, but authority is given in that act to change the design of U. S. coins, but not their diameter, once only in each twenty-five years. The Act further provides for the employment of artists to improve the designs on our coins, which was the sole object of the above act.

The Act of February 12, 1873, provides for the change in weight of individual coins, as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Half dollars, - | 192.9 grains. |
| Quarter " | 96.45 " |
| Dimes, - | 38.58 " |

The present coins are of the weight specified in this Act, and are not of the weight of the Act of February 21, 1853.

I am forwarding under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, your attention being invited to page 71.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mr. Gaston Veys,
C/o State Savings Bank and Trust Co.,
Moline, Ills.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau, and in reply I beg to advise you that under section 3519, R. S., it is provided that any owner of gold bullion may deposit the same at any Mint to form into coin or bars for his benefit. However, as the institutions of this service carry on hand coin and bars, depositors of gold and silver of the value of not less than $100.00, are paid for such deposits in the coin or bars which the institution may have on hand, when payment is requested in that form.

It would not be feasible to refine each individual deposit, so they are combined with other deposits and refined at the convenience of the Mints and Assay Offices.

Respectfully,

F.H.Chaffin

Acting Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department

Contingent expenses, office of Director of the Mint
1917.

Rudolph & West Co., March 21, 1917

1332 New York Avenue, N.W., City.
as soon as possible.

Director of the Mint, Treasury, Washington, D. C.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2630<br>(a) | Zinc, on specifications: | | | |
| | pure, in bars, - | 10 lbs | lb. .32 | $3.20 |

$3.20

F H Chaffin

Acting
Director of the Mint.

March 22, 1917.

SUBJECT: Foreign coins.

Mr. John W. King,
R. F. D. No. 2, Box 15,
Reidsville, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant has been referred by Hon. Lee S. Overman to this office for reply.

This Bureau does not undertake to pass upon the value or character of coins or decide questions in numismatics, whether referring to coins of the United States or foreign countries. For such information application should be made to numismatists or coin dealers, of which there are a number in all large cities.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 22, 1917.

SUBJECT: Silver production.

Mr. Frank Greene, Managing Editor,
Bradstreet's,
148 Lafayette Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

The apparent error cited by you in your letter of the 20th instant regarding the difference between figures showing the world's production of silver in fine ounces for the year 1914, is due to revisions during the current year of former years' figures.

It has been the practice in this office in past years to repeat former years' figures whenever (at the time of going to press), sufficient dataare not available.

The revised figures for 1914, as shown on pages 210 and 211 of our 1916 Report, are arrived at by eliminating the repeated figures and substituting therefor official current data and figures compiled in this office.

The reduction in the production of Mexico approximating 43,000,000; Bolivia and Chile 3,000,000; and Germany 5,000,000; and the increase in the production of Canada and Peru of about 2,000,000 fine ounces, accounts mainly for the difference in the two reports.

Respectfully,

R.T.Baker

Director of the Mint.

EMG
FHC

March 22, 1917.

SUBJECT: Foreign coins.

Hon. Lee S. Overman,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. John W. King, of Redisville, N. C., and am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter of this date to Mr. King.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 22, 1917

Herbert P. Tyson,
San Francisco, California.

Your offer of copper for San Francisco Mint accepted
Letter follows

Baker,

Director Mint

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent expenses Mint Bureau 1917.
2—6827
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

March 23, 1917.

The Equitable Trust Company of New York,
37 Wall Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 17th instant, addressed to the United States Assay Office, Philadelphia, was delivered to the Mint in Philadelphia, and the Superintendent of that institution has transmitted the letter to this Office.

The following estimate is made upon the manufacture of Peruvian Gold Pound Discs. The discs can be made in lots of 50,000 or more for $10.00 per thousand pieces, the Government of Peru to supply the gold.

The time required to complete an order would depend upon the immediate demands made upon the Mint for domestic coinage, but the discs would be supplied as promptly as possible, and without unnecessary delay.

It would be necessary to have the order placed by the representative of the Peruvian Government through our State Department, and to have that official designate you as the agent of his Government.

Respectfully,

RTBaker
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1917.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant relative to the employment of Eugene A. Loftus as a helper in the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, and referring to the establishment of an eligible register to fill the position of electrician.

The extra shift of men, which has been employed for many months in the Philadelphia Mint, is gradually being dropped. There will be no occasion for the probational appointment of electritions at this time.

Eugene Loftus, temporary helper, was dropped from the rolls on March 21, 1917, and Melvin R. Blackwell, temporary electrician, will be dropped from the 27th instant.

Respectfully,

RTBaker

Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1917.

Mr. George F. Dayton,
Special Agent for Secretary of State,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, relative to deposits of gold in the institutions of the Mint Service, has been referred to this Bureau.

The Department will do everything possible to detect illegal deposits, and to assist as far as practicable in apprehending dishonest depositors.

The regulations of our service require that the officers in charge of the institutions shall take the name of the depositor, the number and date of each deposit, the kind of bullion, and, if practicable, the State, county, and mine, or country whence derived.

The officers are further expected to hold suspicious cases for such investigation as may be found practicable, but cannot withhold payment for a deposit beyond a reasonable time.

Assuring you of my determination to co-operate fully with you in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold coinage.

Mr. George H. Jepson,
C/o Stephenson Underwear Mills,
South Bend, Indiana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I beg to inform you that there are no gold dollars in the Treasury at the present time. Those who have them hold them at a premium.

This Government has never coined gold pieces of the denomination of either twenty-five or fifty cents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage of new denominations.

Mrs. Cherry Allan Bugbee,
210 Blaine Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 20th instant, submitting design for a proposed half-cent piece.

Your interest in the matter of the coinage of a half-cent piece is appreciated, and in the event Congress authorizes such a coin your letter will be referred to with pleasure.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mr. R. C. Schwartz,
331 Genesee Street, Oneida Square,
Utica, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I beg to inform you that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service, the locations of which are stated on the enclosed card, will accept deposits of gold when the value of the same is not less than $100.00, and will remit to you the value thereof, less treatment charges, at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 23, 1917.

American Metal Company Ltd.,
New York City.

Your offer of silver for Philadelphia Mint accepted.

R. T. Baker

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

FICIAL BUSINESS,
OVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ____________________

[illegible] The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 23, 1917.

American Smelting and Refining Company
New York City.

Your offer of silver for Mint San Francisco accepted.

R. T. Baker

Director of Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ............

2--6827 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2129.

March 23, 1917.

Dear Mr. Bovie:

I have taken pleasure in endorsing your letter of the 19th instant in regard to the employment of guards of your own selection, and forwarding the same to the Secretary of the Treasury for file in the Department.

Should any question arise in future as to the policy now being employed in selecting the men to serve as guards during the disturbed conditions which necessitated their original employment, I will be able to sustain your position in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

March 24, 1917.

Subject - Account of F. J. H. vonEngelken.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,

Washington.

Sir:

With reference to the disbursing account of F. J. H. vonEngelken, formerly Special Disbursing Agent, recently forwarded for settlement, I have to request that the balance due the United States, $351.85, be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1917, and that the account of Mr. vonEngelken be finally closed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

March 24, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage.

Mr. H. S. Taylor,
Auburn, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I give below a statement showing the value of $5.00 gold pieces coined during the years 1843 and 1845; also silver dollars coined during the year 1895. No silver dollars were coined in the year 1905:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Half eagles, 1843, - | $4,275,425.00 |
| " " 1845, - | 2,743,640.00 |
| Silver dollars, 1895,- | $862,880.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

FK

March 26, 1917.

The Auditor
for the Treasury Department.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant relative to the improper filling in of "Transportation Requests". The attention of those using transportation requests will be called to the rules governing the execution of them.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 26, 1917.

Miss Irene Connolly,
Holgate, Ohio.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, I take pleasure in advising you that you may retain the copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint recently sent you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

March 26, 1917.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

Since assuming the duties of the Office of Director of the Mint I have been told of your interest in the work of the Mint Service, and particularly as to the work of the Engraving Department of the Philadelphia Mint.

The position of Assistant Engraver is now vacant, owing to the appointment by the President of Mr. Charles Morgan to the position of Engraver.

I am very anxious to secure the services of two young men of ability and some experience, who could be trained up to the peculiar work of the service, and in addition to that, bring life into the accomplishments of the Engraving Department of the Mint.

It has been suggested that you might feel disposed to assist me in finding men who would be willing to take the civil service examination for appointment to the position of Assistant Engraver.

In anticipation of the pleasure of calling upon you in New York upon my next visit, may I ask for any suggestion you see fit to make.

Respectfully,

Dr. George F. Kunz,
New York City.

Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1917.

The Advance Machine Co.,
37 Osborn Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, I beg to advise you that the cost of operating a one-man refining plant would be out of all proportion to the amount of product obtainable. There are no figures on such a plant.

The New York Assay Office, 23 Pine Street, makes an assortment of sizes of fine gold 999 plus, fine, from about $100. in value to over $5,000. It would be more economical for you to send your scrap to them and get fine bars in exchange.

You might find The Goldsmiths' Handbook, Crosby, Lockwood & Sons, useful.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

March 26, 1917.

SUBJECT: Philippine coinage.

Mr. George E. Conant,
Gladbrook, Iowa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau, and in reply I beg to advise you that Mr. Charles Conant was a member of the Commission which arranged the coinage for the Philippine Islands, but I know of no coin by that name.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1917.

SUBJECT: New design coinage.

State Bank of Vestaburg,
Vestaburg, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, I beg to advise you that you can obtain new design coins by depositing the amount desired with the nearest Sub-Treasury. The Sub-Treasury at Chicago would be the one to which you should apply.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 26, 1917.

SUBJECT: Silver coinage.

Mr. F. E. Reicher,
1022 Avon Street,
LaCrosse, Wis.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, I beg to advise you that both old and new design quarters were coined during 1916. There were also coined dimes of the old and new design during that year, but no halves of the old design.

The law authorizing the coinage of standard silver dollars was repealed in 1904.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 26, 1917.

SUBJECT: Designs of coins.

Mr. S. A. Barrett,
Curator of Anthropology,
Public Museum of the city of Milwaukee,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant regarding the origin of certain designs of the United States coins, with which you enclosed a clipping with reference to such designs, I beg to advise you that there are no records covering the statement in the clipping. This same statement, and others of the same kind, come up frequently. Many claims have been made concerning portraits of certain models being used on our coins. These claims are all imaginary. All figures and heads on our coins are purely ideal. No portraits in any form appear on any coins of the United States, with the exception of the head of Lincoln on the one-cent bronze piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 26, 1917

SUBJECT: Coinage at the United States Mints.

Mr. William Goda,
So.Broad Street,
Meriden, Conn.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, I am enclosing you under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, on pages 70-87 of which you will statements giving the coinage at the Mints of the United States, by calendar years, from their organization to the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

March 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Graphite goods.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,
1020 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Please quote by return mail prices on 300 dippers, No. 3, special six-inch; and 100 dippers No. 2, regular, f. o. b. Mint of the United States, San Francisco, California, immediate shipment.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

March 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Graphite goods.

Messrs. J. H. Gautier & Company,
Jersey City, N.J.

Gentlemen:

Please quote by return mail prices on 300 dippers, No. 3, special six-inch; and 100 dippers, No. 2, regular, f. o. b. Mint of the United States, San Francisco, California, immediate shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

Handy & Harman
Zimmermann & Forshay
Kuntze Brothers
United Metals Selling Co.
American Metal Co. Ltd.

March 27, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive proposals until two o'clock, Thursday, March 29th, on the delivery of two hundred thousand ounces of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and two hundred thousand fine ounces to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

March 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Designs of coins.

Mr. Joseph M. Dunlevy,
C/o The National Acme Company,
Windsor, Vt.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, I am enclosing herewith a circular issued by this Department descriptive of the designs of the new silver coins, and also one issued by the Mint at Philadelphia, containing information relating to coins and medals, which I trust contain the information you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

Enclosures.

March 27, 1917.

SUBJECT: Design of coins.

Mr. J. A. Meadows,
Pemberton, W. Va.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, stating that you have a twenty-five cent piece dated 1806, the design of which you have been advised is a portrait of Martha Washington, has been referred to this Bureau, and in reply I would say that many claims have been made concerning portraits of certain models being used on our coins. These claims are all imaginary. All figures and heads on our coins are purely ideal. No portraits in any form appear on any coins of the United States with the exception of the head of Lincoln on the one-cent bronze piece.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

March 27, 1917.

O. S. Walker Co.,

Worcester, Mass.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of Feb. 14th in reply to mine of the 12th concerning freight charges on a magnetic chuck shipped Oct. 28, 1916 to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal., may I inquire whether any definite information is yet available as to the question of prepayment?

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

FMC

March 27, 1917.

Mr. Charles Buroit,
Newport, New Hampshire.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing four dollars to cover the cost of assaying a specimen previously sent by you, has been received.

I am returning the $4.00, together with the material sent, and beg to advise you that the substance is not a mineral, but an artificial product from smelting operations. It is slag, and has no commercial value.

There is no assay office connected with the Government in Washington where ores are tested for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1917.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

I have your letter of the 27th instant and beg to thank you for your very prompt response to my note.

I shall gladly act upon your suggestions in regard to the Engraving Department of the Philadelphia Mint, and will make no appointments until I have had an opportunity of conferring with you personally.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your courtesy, I am

Very truly yours,

RTBaker

Director of the Mint.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

March 28, 1917.

Woodward & Lothrop,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith blank form of voucher upon which I have to request you to render the account for the copy of "Standard Methods of Chemical Analysis" this day delivered to the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 29, 1917.

Collector of Customs,
New York City.

Please advise by wire today whether Haitian invoices are ~~now~~ made on basis of old gourde of decimal nine six four seven or new gold gourde of twenty-five cents.

R. T. Baker

Director Mint.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 29, 1917.

American Smelting Refining Co.
New York City.

Your offers silver San Francisco and Philadelphia accepted.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1917.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------------------------------------

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

March 29, 1917.

The Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
38 Pine Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant requesting an estimate on the coinage of 1,000,000 nickel five-cent pieces for the Republic of Salvador, the following is submitted:-

1,000,000 5-centavo pieces, 75% copper and 25% nickel, weighing 5 grams, 23 m.m. in diameter, tolerance 2 grains, can be made for $3.20 per thousand pieces, the Salvador Government to supply the metal.

This price includes the working dies but not the boxes or kegs for packing.

The master dies and hubs are in the Philadelphia Mint.

8,267.1429 lbs. av. of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 2,755.7143 lbs. av. of nickel (99 nickel-cobalt contents) will be required.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure;
Specimen Coin.

March 29, 1917.

G. Amsinck & Company,
P. O. Box 242,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant requesting an estimate on the coinage of 1,000,000 five centavo nickel pieces for the Government of Salvador, the following is submitted:-

1,000,000 5-centavo pieces, 75% copper and 25% nickel, weighing 5 grams, 23 m.m. in diameter, tolerance 2 grains, can be made for $3.20 per thousand pieces, the Salvador Government to supply the metal.

This price includes working dies but not boxes or kegs for packing.

The master dies and hubs are in the Philadelphia Mint.

8,267.1429 lbs. av. of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 2,755.7143 lbs. av. of nickel (99 nickel cobalt contents) will be required.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1917.

Mr. William Wane,
Washington School,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which will give you information in regard to the activities of the Mint Service in the West.

The Department issues no publications covering the working of the precious metals. I would suggest that you consult a reference library for the details of assaying, and treatment of gold and silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1917.

SUBJECT: Design of coins.

Mr. T. G. Borland,
Security State Bank,
Deering, N. D.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 24th instant regarding the five-cent piece of 1883, I would state that the design of this coin was changed in that year. There were 5,479,519 pieces struck similar to the one you describe, with the word "cents" omitted. In the same year this was modified by placing "E Pluribus Unum" over the wreath and inserting the word "Cents" below the figure "V". There were struck 16,032,983 pieces of this design.

This Bureau does not undertake to pass upon the numismatic value of the coin referred to, and I would suggest that you make inquiry of a numismatist, a number of whom are located in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits of bullion.

Miss Bell,
Flat 3,
603 W. 63rd Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 24th instant, I beg to advise that the Mints and Assay Offices of this service, a list of which is given on the enclosed card, will accept deposits of gold bullion when the value of the same is not less than $100.00 and will make payment therefor at the rate of $20.67 per fine ounce, less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

Enclosure.

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March 29, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:-

> "Your offers silver San Francisco and Philadelphia accepted."

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to receive from you 200,000 ounces of silver and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.72875, and the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has been instructed to receive 200,000 ounces and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.73 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1917.

Honorable Albert Estopinal,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Estopinal:

It gives me pleasure to advise you that the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans has to-day been authorized to place at the disposal of the Red Cross Chapter of New Orleans the unused part of the U. S. Mint Building in New Orleans for the purpose of storing supplies accumulated by the Red Cross.

This authority has been granted by the Department with the understanding that the officials of the Mint will not be involved in expenses of any kind as a result of the use of the Building by the Red Cross. This restriction is made necessary by the depleted condition of the appropriations for the support of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

March 30, 1917.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Company,
1020 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

No answer to my letter twenty-seventh regarding dippers San Francisco Quote immediately Urgent

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Director Mint

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HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent expenses Mint Bureau 1917

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

March 30, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of ores.

Mr. John H. Allen,
Route 2, Box 117,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, also money order for $1.00 and sample of ore, which have been referred to the Mint at Denver with instructions to make report direct to you as to the contents of the sample.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1917.

Bloom Brothers,
68 Beaver Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 29th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint, Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

The coinage of 1,000,000 5-centavo nickel pieces, 75% copper and 25% nickel, weighing 5 grams, 23 m.m. in diameter, tolerance 2 grains, can be made for $3.50 per thousand pieces, the Salvador Government to supply the metal or deposit a sufficient amount in U. S. currency to cover the cost of the metal.

This price includes working dies. One hundred boxes will be required for packing, at a cost of seventy-five cents each.

The master dies and hubs are in the Philadelphia Mint.

8,267.1429 lbs. av. of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 2,755.7143 lbs. av. of nickel (99+ nickel-cobalt contents) will be required.

The coin will be delivered to the transportation company designated by the parties ordering, in the basement of the Mint, not in New York.

The time of delivery would depend upon work on hand at time order is received.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1917.

United States Guarantee Company,
111 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant relative to the bond given by Mr. John D. Kratz, I beg to say that Mr. Kratz executed a bond as Melter in the Mint, Philadelphia, which was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of March 27, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1917.

Mr. M. N. Willits, Jr.,
Corn Exchange National Bank,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant I beg to say that several bills proposing the coinage of a two-and-one-half cent piece and a half-cent piece were introduced in Congress during the last session, but no legislation was enacted.

This Department made no recommendation for the coinage of a new denomination of minor coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1917.

Mr. J. D. Higgins,
Assistant Cashier,
Federal Reserve Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant I beg to say that we have on hand at the Salt Lake Assay Office a 1000-ounce Troemner Balance which is reported to be in "fair" condition. The original cost of the balance was $185.00

If you care to bid on this balance I will be glad to instruct the Assayer in Charge at Salt Lake to invite proposals, (as we are required to do by regulation) and advise you when this has been done in order that you may make a proposal.

The Adjusters' Scales are probably too small to be of service to you as they weigh but a single coin at a time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint

Contingent expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1917

Messrs. J. H. Gautier & Co., March 31, 1917.

Jersey City, New Jersey.

xxxxxx as soon as possible.

. o. b., U. S. Mint, San Francisco, California.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 300 Graphite dippers, No. 3, - | 300 | 1 | $1.50 | $450.00 |
| 100 " " No. 2, - | 100 | 1 | $1.25 | $125.00 |

$575.00

FHC

Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1917.

SUBJECT: Graphite goods - San Francisco Mint.

Messrs. J. H. Gautier & Company,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th instant, in which you quote 300 graphite dippers, No. 3, at $1.50 each, and 100 dippers, No. 2, at $1.25 each, delivered f. o. b. Mint at San Francisco, and beg to enclose herewith order for these dippers.

I note that you state in your letter that you can complete this order and forward the same within three to four weeks, and would request that you give this order your very best attention as the Mint at San Francisco is in urgent need of the dippers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-M

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 2, 1917.

Bloom Brothers
56 Beaver St.,
New York City.

Have instructed Philadelphia Mint to reply to telegram direct.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint.

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OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ................................................................

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

April 2, 1917.

Hon, William E. Borah,
United States Senate.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 29th ultimo I have taken pleasure in causing to be sent to Mr. R. T. Woliston, U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor, Weiser, Idaho, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1917.

Dr. F. C. Wilson,
12 Jones St. East,
Savannah, Ga.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 29th ultimo I beg to say that the Mint at Philadelphia will rereceive dental scrap in amounts approximating $100 in value and over, and pay by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the gold and silver contents only. No allowance would be made for platinum contained in the gold and silver deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1917.

Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
36 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 31st instant I beg to say that the cost of manufacturing 1,000,000 5-centavo pieces for the Government of Salvador 75% copper and 25% nickel, weighing 5 grams each, 23 m. m. in diameter, tolerance 2 grains, will be $3.20 per thousand pieces, the Government of Salvador to supply the metal or deposit a sufficient amount in U. S. currency to cover the cost of the metal. This price includes working dies. One hundred boxes will be required for packing at a cost of 75 cents each. The master dies and hubs are in the Philadelphia Mint.

8,267.1429 lbs. av. of electrolytic copper(99.90 copper contents) and 2,755.7143 lbs. av. of nickel (99 nickel cobalt contents) will be required. This metal can be supplied by the mint for three thousand, seven hundred sixty-two dollars, eighty-eight cents ($3,762.88) to-day. This price is subject to change.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1917.

S. & B. Lederer Company,
100 - 106 Stewart St.,
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, the following is submitted:-

The cost of manufacturing coins of the following sizes and weights, composed of 25% nickel and 75% copper, tolerance 2 grains, will be -

| Pieces. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5,000,000 | 10¢ piece | 30 grains | 21/32 " | $3.20 per M. |
| 10,000,000 | 5¢ " | 52 grains | 25/32 " | 3.20 " " |
| 5,000,000 | 25¢ " | 78 grains | 7/8 " | 4.20 " " |

These prices include working dies, but not master dies or hubs, metal, kegs or boxes for packing. Delivery in the basement of the Mint.

The master dies and hubs will cost four hundred dollars for each coin and will require six months to prepare. The coinage can be executed in about three months after the master dies are ready.

The metal required for this coinage will be 113,571.4284 lbs. av. of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 37,857.1428 lbs. av. of nickel (99 nickel-cobalt contents). This metal must be supplied by the Government desiring the coin, or it can be supplied by the Mint, if a sufficient amount of United States currency is deposited to cover.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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April 4, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive proposals on the delivery of 200,000 ounces of silver to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, and 200,000 ounces for delivery to the Mint at San Francisco.

The bids will be opened on Friday, April 6th, at 2 o'clock, and you are invited to send proposal.

Please state the approximate date of delivery to each of the Mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

American Metal Co. Ltd.,
New York City.

April 4, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. Joseph C. Mahoney,
Secretary to Hon. John B. Kendrick,
United States Senate.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, in regard to Bulletin No. 2612, "Catalog of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Philadelphia Mint", I regret to say that there are no copies of this publication available for gratuitous distribution. A copy may be procured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at a cost of $1.00

Respectfully,

Actg. F H Chaffin

Director of the Mint.

April 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold coinage.

Mr. Gilbert Patterson,
Assistant Cashier,
Security State Bank,
Adams, N. Dak.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of March 29th, I beg to inform you that when first issued by the Mints the United States Five-dollar gold pieces contain that actual value in gold.

Respectfully,

F H Chaffin

Actg Director of the Mint.

March 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests for publications.

Mr. George J. McMullen,
117 Maple Avenue,
Washington, Penna.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 2nd instant, I beg to inform you that a copy of the "Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Philadelphia Mint" may be procured from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at a cost of $1.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 5, 1917.

Mr. F. H. Elliott,
Executive Secretary,
Motion Picture Industry,
Times Building,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 3 relative to the coinage of a fifteen cent piece, I beg to say that the manufacture of a coin of another denomination than these now current would have to be authorized by act of Congress. No recommendation for the issue of a coin of new denomination has been made by this Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 5, 1917.

Miss Gertrude Chrystal,
Room 2316, 61 Broadway,
New York City.

Miss:

The designs for the twenty and ten dollar gold pieces were accepted from Augustus Saint Gaudens in 1907.

The designs submitted by Bela L. Pratt for the half-eagle and quarter-eagle were accepted in 1908.

The designs for the current five-cent piece was prepared by James E. Fraser, in 1911.

The one-cent piece was designed by Victor D. Brenner in 1909.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 6, 1917.

ited Metals Selling Co.
New York City.

Your offer of silver Philadelphia Mint delivery accepted.

R. T. Baker
Director.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 6, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

Your offer of silver delivered to Philadelphia accepted.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

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CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ..........

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 6, 1917.

American Metal Company Ltd.,
New York City.

Your offer one hundred thousand ounces delivered Philadelphia Mint week beginning April ninth accepted.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint.

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CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

April 4, 1917.

The Director of the
Bureau of Standards,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th ultimo, relative to metal gages used in the Mint Service, the following reports have been received from the larger institutions:-

Mint at Philadelphia.

> "The measurements used at this Mint are based upon the inch. The gages in use are the Brown and Sharp for wire, and the U. S. Standard for sheet metal."

Mint at San Francisco.

> "This Mint uses the Brown and Sharp gages for wire and the Stubbs gage for sheet iron; all are inch gages."

Mint at Denver.

> "The Birmingham gage is used in measuring wire and sheet metals."

Assay Office at New York.

> "For measuring sheet metal the Brown and Sharpe gage is used, and for wire the Starrett micrometer, both instruments measuring in thousandths of an inch."

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of ores.

Mr. Lee B. Crews,
Kernersville, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, I beg to advise you that the Mint at Charlotte, N.C., is not now in operation, it having been closed for some years.

The Mint of the United States at New Orleans makes assays of ores at the charges shown on the card enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: Design of the quarter dollar.

Mr. J. M. Dunlevy,
C/o The National Acme Co.,
Windsor, Vt.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant, I beg to advise you that a slight modification of the original design for the quarter dollar was made before the coins were executed.

Respectfully,

RTBaker

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 6, 1917.

SUBJECT: New silver coinage.

Mr. Glenn M. Grove,
1031 Washington Avenue,
Tyrone, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th instant, in which you say the word "Trust" in the motto "In God We Trust" upon the new design quarter dollar is erroneously spelled, has been received, and in reply I beg to advise that while the letter "u" in the word "Trust" has the appearance of a "v", it is the letter "u", specially designed by the artist to conform to the other lettering of the coin, the same style "u" being used in the words "E Pluribus Unum".

Respectfully,

RTBaker

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 7, 1917.

Mr. James H. Lee,
35, Peachtree St.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

I am returning herewith by registered mail the sample enclosed with your letter of the 5th instant, and beg to inform you that it is not mica, but rock of no particular value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

April 7, 1917.

SUBJECT: Distribution of Annual Report.

Mr. Henry Altman,
206 West 95th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letters of April 4th and 5th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, have been referred to this office, and I beg to advise you that I am sending you under separate cover copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, which contains all the available information with regard to exports and imports of silver, and the average price thereof for a number of years back.

Respectfully,

FHChaffin

Actg Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 9, 1917.

Subject - Accounts.

The Director

Bureau of Standards.

Sir:

Herewith find account of the New York Assay Office for labor performed on gold crucibles and electrodes recently furnished you, in the sum of $11.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriation "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1917", with the sum in question.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1917.

Mr. W. S. Moler,
Of L. Bamberger & Company,
Newark, N.J.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I beg to advise you that there is no law which will prohibit you from melting down one-cent pieces for the purpose stated in your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 9, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of ores.

Mr. John T. Ezzard,
Eaton Building,
Claremore, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Missouri, has been forwarded to this office, and in reply I have to advise you that the office at St. Louis was abolished some years ago.

If you will cause the can containing ore which was forwarded to St. Louis to be forwarded to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, that office will analyze the same for minerals suggested by you, at rates as stated on the card enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

RTBaker

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 9, 1917.

SUBJECT: Coinage of silver dollars.

Mr. John A. Laird,
609 Edg. Avenue,
Chester, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office, and in reply I beg to advise you that the coinage of silver dollars for the years 1895 and 1904 was as follows:

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|---|---|
| 1895: | |
| San Francisco, - | $400,000.00 |
| New Orleans, - | 450,000.00 |
| Philadelphia, - | 12,880.00 |
| | $862,880.00 |
| 1904: | |
| Philadelphia,- | $2,788,650.00 |
| San Francisco,- | 2,304,000.00 |
| New Orleans, - | 3,720,000.00 |
| | $8,812,650.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 9, 1917.

SUBJECT: Purchase of gold.

Dr. W. H. Thomas,
Security Life Building,
Lincoln, Neb.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 6th, I beg to advise you that you can obtain gold as nearly pure as possible, in bar form, at the U. S. Assay Office, No. 23, Pine Street, New York City, in quantities of not less than $5,000.00 The charge for such gold bars is in accordance with the size desired, as shown by the table of charges enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 9, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive proposals until 2 o'clock, Wednesday, April 11, 1917, on the delivery to the Mint at San Francisco of twenty tons of electrolytic copper for the minor coinage, and you are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Clendenin Brothers,
Clendenin Building
Baltimore, Md.

April 10, 1917.

Mr. Thomas H. Rutter,
Retsil, Washington.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office for reply, and I beg to advise you that the records show that the purest gold ever discovered was from the Pike's Peak Mine, of Cripple Creek, Colo., which was of a fineness of .999

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1917.

The Chairman
Forms Committee,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of the 6th instant relative to telegraph blanks I beg to say that it is the practice in this Bureau to make five copies of each telegram, - two for the telegraph office, one for the accountant, one for confirmation and one for file.

The recommendation of Mr. Broughton, if carried out, would be of distinct advantage to us, since light weight paper for filing and confirmation, the latter to be in color, would be convenient and economical.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1917.

The Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
38 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant relative to proposed coinage for the Government of Salvador, I beg to say that the metal required can be supplied by the Mint, if the amount to cover, in U. S. currency, is deposited with the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

The coin would require for packing, one hundred boxes, each approximately 121-1/2 lbs av. gross, or 110-1/4 lbs. av. net.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1917.

The Chief
of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $4,260.00, covering the cost of the manufacture of 15,000 pesos in five centavos and 112,000 pesos in 10 centavos, delivered to the representative of the War Department under date of April 4th.

In payment of this account please cause transfer to be made to the following appropriations of the Mint, San Francisco, fiscal year 1917:-

Wages of Workmen ----------$2,840.00
Contingent Expenses ------- 1,420.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1917.

Hon. T. H. Elliott,
Deputy Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint,
London, England.

Sir:

This Bureau has, as you are perhaps aware, attempted from time to time to compile a statement of the Gold Stocks of the principal countries of the world. In this table we are accustomed to include the figures for bullion on hand, inasmuch as bullion held in the bank reserves is answering the same purpose as coin.

As your statement "Gold Coin Held by Banks", shown on page 9 of your report for the year 1914 (the last report received) shows only the amount of coin held, I would like to inquire whether a similar statement could be prepared for this office, showing both the coin and bullion held by banks as of December 31, 1916.

You estimated that the proportion of bullion to coin held as a reserve in the Issue Department of the Bank of England would approximate about two-thirds of the amount published in 1911. I would also like to know about what the proportion was on December 31, 1916.

I beg to assure you that I shall be glad to reciprocate any favors which you may be able to extend in regard to the above inquiries.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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GHR

April 11, 1917.

SUBJECT: Assays of ores.

Messrs. F. L. Terrill and Joe Wallas,
Montana,
Johnson County, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, together with sample of ore for assay and $2.25 to cover the costs of same.

Your letter, sample of ore and the $2.25 have this day been forwarded to the Assayer in Charge, U.S.Mint, New Orleans, La., with instructions to assay the ore for gold and silver, making report to you direct as to the contents of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FAH

April 11, 1917.

Messrs. Thomas J. Dee & Company,
1010 Mallers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of April 9th, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, and requesting figures showing the present value in dollars and cents of the gold bullion and coin in the Treasury vaults, has been referred to this office, and in reply I beg to enclose herewith daily statement of the U. S. Treasury, dated April 10, 1917, which shows the total amount of gold coin and bullion on hand at the present time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1917.

The Central National Bank,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of burned silver coin from your bank, and the same has been forwarded to the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, with instructions to remit to you for the bullion value of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.M.C.

April 12, 1917.

The Director
of the Bureau of Engraving
and Printing.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $22.30 covering the cost of reworking 98 ounces of scrap silver to plates of standard fineness.

In payment of this account please cause the following amounts to be credited to the appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1917:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen ----------- | $12.90 | |
| Contingent Expenses --------- | 9.40 | $22.30 |

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive proposals until 2 o'clock, Monday, April 16, 1917, on the delivery of 200,000 ounces of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and upon the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco. You are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive bids until 2 o'clock, Monday, April 16, 1917, upon the delivery of two hundred thousand ounces of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco, and you are invited to make proposal.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

April 12, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive proposals until 2 o'clock, Monday, April 16th, on the delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia of 200,000 ounces of fine silver, and upon the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco, and you are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

American Metals Co., Ltd.,
New York City.

April 12, 1917.

The Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

I have your letter of April 10, with which was enclosed copies of letters passing between your office and the State Bank of Vestaburg, Michigan, with reference to new design silver coins.

It was inferred from the letter received from this Bank that only a small amount of silver coins of the new designs were desired, and when the Bank was advised that such coins could be had by depositing the equivalent with you this Bureau was aware that it was not the practice of Sub-Treasuries to execute such orders without the authority of the Treasurer of the United States. However, exchanges for small amounts have occasionally been made by the Sub-Treasuries.

It is not the practice of this office to advise applicants for new silver coin that they can obtain the same by depositing the equivalent with a Sub-Treasury. It has been suggested in a few instances where it was believed small amounts were desired.

Respectfully,

R.T.Baker

Director of the Mint.

FAC

April 12, 1917.

Bloom Brothers,
66 Beaver Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, together with a copy of his letter dated April 2nd, written under authority of this Bureau, giving you details of the cost of coinage proposed for the Salvador Government, has been referred by him to this Office.

Before undertaking the work of executing the coinage desired by the Salvador Government it will be necessary for us to receive authority, through the State Department, from the representative of the Salvador Government at this capital, and to have that official designate the agent who is to receive and make payment for the coins at the Mint.

Upon receipt of such authority we will be glad to expedite the coinage as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1917.

Dr. Frederick C. McLane,
Central Building,
Paterson, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant I beg to say that the Government does not purchase platinum. That acquired by the Government in the mint service is obtained from gold bullion in the electrolytical refineries.

The gold and silver contents only are paid for when dental scrap is purchased.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to receive from you 200,000 ounces of fine silver and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.74125, and the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has been instructed to receive from you 200,000 ounces of fine silver and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.7525 per fine ounce.

This letter covers purchases made on the 16th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

April 17, 1917.

American Metals Company Ltd.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to receive from you 100,000 ounces of fine silver, and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.7410 per fine ounce. This acceptance confirms telegram of the 16th instant.

In connection with a previous purchase made from you of fine silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to call your attention to a report of the Superintendent of the Mint to the effect that bars delivered by the Balbach Smelting & Refining Company, for your account, invoiced at 999 fine, assayed as low as 996. It is necessary for the purposes of the Mint to have silver approximating 999 fine, to avoid interference with the coinage processes due to the presence of impurities in lower grade silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1917.

Mr. J. D. Corrington,
406 University Avenue,
Ithaca, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant I beg to advise you that there is no premium paid by the Government on any issue of coins. The Department does not issue a list of coin dealers.

Coin dealers pay no premium upon the Columbia Half Dollar; there are many of them in circulation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1917.

Mr. Olin W. Stoughton,
Ludlow, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 15th instant I beg to say that gold bullion is purchased at the mints and assay offices of the United States in quantities approximating $100 in value and over, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States, less the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

A copy of the table of charges is enclosed, together with a list of the institutions of the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

R.T.Baker

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

April 18, 1917.

SUBJECT: Value of foreign coins.

Mr. J. O. Davis,
Collector of Customs,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Your letter of April 11th, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the value of the gold Gourde of Haiti, has been referred to this office, and in reply you are advised that the value of this coin, viz: 25 cents, is according to the new national monetary law of Haiti, which in part is as follows:

> " * * The national monetary unit shall be the gold Gourde, the weight and standard of which shall be identical with the weight and standard of one-fourth of the gold dollar of the United States of America, i. e., 0.41796 gram, of the standard of 900/1000 fine gold".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

E.B.L.

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April 18, 1917.

Mr. Albert Dodd,
Sodus, Wayne County, New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, has been referred to this office, and in reply I have to inform you I cannot advise you where you can obtain the coins mentioned in your letter, with the exception of the McKinley gold dollar which can be had by applying to the McKinley National Birthplace Memorial Association, Niles, Ohio, at a cost of $3.00, or four for $10.00

It is possible that you may be able to obtain one of the Panama-Pacific Exposition half dollars from the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company, San Francisco, California.

I am enclosing under separate cover a pamphlet containing information respecting United States paper currency and coins.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JAK

April 19, 1917.

The Comptroller
of the Currency,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

To enable this Bureau to compile statistics covering the distribution of gold in this country, to be used in replying to a correspondent, I beg to request that the Office be informed as to the amount of gold held by National, State and other banks, and Trust Companies, on the latest available date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1917.

The John Holland Gold Pen Company,
127 - 129 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant I beg to say that the Government has no iridium to dispose of.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1917.

Mr. H. Winfield Carter,
Elon College, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant I beg to say that the Government has no publications for gratuitous distribution which would give the history of our early coins.

The Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals in the Numismatic Collection of the Mint at Philadelphia which is sold by the Public Printer at $1.00 a copy, contains much information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1917.

Clinton County Bank,
Frankfort, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant I beg to say that the five cent nickel piece described by you is genuine. A slight modification was made in the five cent piece after a number had been issued, in order to bring out more distinctly the words "Five Cents."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1917.

SUBJECT: **Deposits**.

Mr. Eddie Bridges,
R. F. D. No. 2,
Limerick, Maine.

Sir:

I am this day in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and under separate cover have received the silver watch case, for which you desire its value in coin.

I beg to advise you that this watch case does not contain sufficient silver to constitute a deposit. It is not customary for the institutions of this service to accept deposits which contain bullion in value approximating less than $100.00 This watch case weighs but a few ounces, and the current price of silver is 73¢ per fine ounce.

The watch case is returned herewith by registered mail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1917

Mr. E. H. Draper,
Georgiaville, R. I.

Sir:

Referring to your card of the 18th instant, I have to advise you that the current price paid for silver on this date is 73¢ per fine ounce.

As coin silver is 9/10 fine, it would be worth approximately 65¢ per ounce.

Troy and avoirdupois weights are not the same. One pound avoirdupois contains 16 ounces; or 14.5833 Troy ounces.

Troy weights are used in weighing gold and silver.

Such silver as is needed for coinage purposes is purchased by the various institutions of this service in quantities of not less than $100. in value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 19, 1917.

SUBJECT: Monetary Systems.

Miss Sarah B. Ball, Librarian,
United States Rubber Company,
1790 Broadway, New York City.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 18th instant, requesting a copy of the "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries", and beg to advise you that the revised edition of this pamphlet is now in the hands of the printer. Your request has been placed on file and a copy will be mailed to you at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

April 19, 1917.

Hon. J. E. Harper,
Chief, Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant enclosing a copy of a letter received from the United States Civil Service Commission relative to the age at which applicants for examination as watchmen should be considered.

I am in agreement with the opinion of the Commission that the minimum and maximum limits of 25 and 40 years, are suitable for those making application for appointment as watchmen, through examination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

Contingent expenses, office of Director of the Mint,
1917.

Messrs. Mackall Brothers,
April 20, 1917

823 H. St., N.E. Washington, D.C.

as soon as possible.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

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| 4411<br>(b) | Acid, nitric, on specifications-<br>C.p., sp. gr. 1;42; in 7-pound<br>bottles; 10 bottles to the case,- | Case | lb. | .13¢ | $9. 10 |

$9. 10

Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1917.

Mr. James C. Waters, jr.,
532, 17th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th instant, you are informed that a new edition of the pamphlet "The Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is now in course of preparation. A copy will be sent you as soon as it is ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1917.

Mr. J. P. Kalt, Cashier,
Citizens State Bank,
Fon du Lac, Wis.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant with reference to mutilated silver and minor coins which you desire redeemed, and enclose herewith circular issued by the Treasurer of the United States with regard to such redemption

If the silver coin referred to by you is what would be considered mutilated coin under this circular, you should forward the same to the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, which will return to you the bullion value of the same. This is also applicable to the minor coin referred to by you, if it is so mutilated that it could not be redeemed by the Treasurer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

Enc.

April 23, 1917.

Messrs. Bloom Brothers,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The Department is to-day in receipt of a letter from the State Department, enclosing a note from the Minister of Salvador, asking that the coinage of 1,000,000 five-centavo nickel coins be manufactured at the Philadelphia for his Government, and naming you as agent commissioned by the Government of Salvador to carry out the details, and receive the coins.

I have to-day instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to proceed with the coinage desired, and to deliver the same to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1917.

Mr. Lathrop Brown,
Special Assistant to the Secretary,
Department of the Interior.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant relative to the production of platinum.

The estimate for 1916, based upon practically complete figures, has recently been made by the U. S. Geological Survey. The platinum recovered in the refineries of the Mint service is included in the compilation made by the Geological Survey.

The platinum now being recovered by our institutions in the refining of gold and silver is being withheld from sale and retained in the respective institutions subject to the orders of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1917.

Mr. Preston B. Seanor,
168 West North Avenue,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Sir:

Your inquiry of recent date, addressed to the United States Geological Survey, and requesting information as to the value of gold as represented in the exchange rates and average commodity prices every year since 1890, has been referred to this office, and in reply I am enclosing under separate cover a copy of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1916, containing the information available in this office on the subject.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

File

April 23, 1917.

The State National Bank,
Springfield, Ills.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith money order for $46.00 received with your letter of the 20th instant, and beg to inform you that the issuance of proof coins has been discontinued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

April 23, 1917.

Mr. Samuel McGrew,
1369 Clayton Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I beg to inform you that there is no authority of law for the purchase of platinum by the Mints or Assay Offices of this service.

I would suggest that you communicate with a dealer in this article, among which are Messrs. Tiffany & Company, New York City and Baker & Company, Newark, New Jersey.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1917.

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Helena Assay Office for one half the common expenses of that office and the Internal Revenue Office occupying the same building, and paid by the Assay Office during the quarter ended March 31, 1917, in amount $9.60.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Helena, 1917", in the sum indicated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1917.

Subject - Freight charges.

O. S. Walker Co.,

Worcester, Mass.

Gentlemen:

May I again refer to letters of this office dated Feb. 12th and March 27th relative to the freight charges on a magnetic chuck shipped by you on Oct. 28, 1916, to the San Francisco Mint. We would very much like to know whether you paid the freight charges on this shipment as seems to be indicated by the notation on bill of lading - "Freight prepaid", or whether such notation is in error.

Early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1917.

Messrs. Merrill, Oldham & Company,
35, Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of the 18th instant, regarding the distribution of the gold in this country and of the world, you are advised that of the approximate stock of gold in the United States ($3,088,904,808. on April 1st) $2,410,322,957 was held by the Treasury, $36,787,552 by Federal Reserve Banks and Federal Reserve Agents, $157,227,000 by National Banks, $116,096,417 by other than National Banks, and $368,470,882. in the hands of the public and in circulation.

Figures showing the distribution of the world's stock of gold will not be available until about next October. However, as of possible interest to you, I am enclosing under separate cover a copy of the last Annual Report of the Director of the Mint in which, on pages 219,220 and 221 will be found the latest distribution of the world's gold, compiled in this office.

Respectfully,

R.T.Baker

E.L.

Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1917.

Memorandum for Mr. Harper:

In the opinion of this Bureau the following classes of employees might be omitted from the Official Register without impairing the usefulness of that publication:-

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|---|---|
| Unskilled workmen, laborers, helpers, | 188 |
| Charwomen, watchmen, guides, guards, messengers | 56 |
| Skilled workmen, weighers, carpenters, plumbers electricians, melters | 114 |
| Rollers, annealers, die-makers, blacksmiths, painters | 55 |
| Coin counters, sewing women | 12 |
| Total | 425 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1917.

Miss J. Lena Kyle,
216 East Second Street,
Madison, Indiana.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant I beg to say that the mints and assay office at New York will sell fine or standard gold bullion in quantities of not less than $5,000 in value.

The institutions of the mint service do not sell silver bullion.

Gold and silver bullion will be purchased by the institutions of the Mint Service in quantities approximating $100 and over in value, and pay for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

A gold dollar contains exactly one dollar's worth of gold when it first leaves the Mint.

The value of the silver in a silver dollar, at to-day's market price of silver ($0.72 cents per fine ounce) would be $0.5568.

Respectfully,

FHC

Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1917.

The Chief
of the Division of Printing
and Stationery.

Sir:

Please advise this Office of the names of newspapers to be patronized in advertizing for supplies for Mint institutions in the following cities:-

Philadelphia

New York

Denver

San Francisco

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1917.

Mr. H. Earle Cole,
Chestnut Street,
Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Bureau of Standsrds, has been referred to this office.

While the manufacture of cupels is simple enough, yet considerable experience is required to attain success and at the start you must look for some trouble and failures. For bullion work a good bone ash lying between the following limits in screen composition has been found very satisfactory in mint work:

| | |
|---|---|
| On 40-mesh | 0 to 1.5% |
| " 60- " | 5 " 10% |
| " 80- " | 10 to 15% |
| " 100-" | 7 " 12% |
| Thru " " | 65 " 75% |

For ore work the ash may be considerably finer with advantage to the surface of the cupel.

You will probably have to buy several lots of ash and mix them in order to get a satisfactory screen composition.

In the Mint service only water is used as a binder before pressing the cupels, but it is best to moisten the ash and let it stand overnight and thoroughly mix again before pressing.

The temperature that governs cupellation is that of the cupelling bead, and this is entirely independent of any pyrometer reading. A pyrometer is a good general guide to the muffle temperature, but it cannot be depended upon to insure success in cupellation. Again, beads of differing size and composition may require quite different heats. The general tendency is to cupel at too high a heat.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1917.

The Thomas Cruse Mining
and Development Company,

Helena, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I wish to thank you very much for sending to this Bureau the returns by the American Smelting and Refining Company of the ore sold them during the year 1916.

The above reports are being returned to you herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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FHC

April 26, 1917

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mrs. P. J. Watson,
Ione, Amador County, California.

Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing memorandum covering a deposit of gold made by you with the Mint at San Francisco.

I note in your letter that you say your deposit weighed 670 grains, or about 1.44 ounces, but the Mint at San Francisco found this deposit to weigh only .99 of an ounce before melting. It would seem that you have based your value on the weight as found by you, while the weight found by the Mint is about .45 of an ounce less than that claimed by you.

The weights made at the Mint are all carefully checked by more than one person. The question has been submitted to the Mint at San Francisco with the request that this deposit be re-weighed and re-checked if it has not been massed with other deposits.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint.

Contingent expenses, office of Director of the Mint, 1917.

Messrs. Mackall Brothers,

April 26, 1917.

823 H Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

as soon as possible.

Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

4408
(2) Acid, hydrochloric, on specifications;
Sp. gr. 1:19; in 6-pound bottles,
10 bottles to the case, - 1case. lb. .085¢ $5.10

$5.10

Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1917.

My dear Senator:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans which manifests the importance of securing the appropriation of $1,000 for which we are asking to enable us to retain the services of the small force of watchmen we now have to guard the Mint.

The estimate is now before the Committee on Appropriations, as you know, and I am taking the liberty of again urging that we have the benefit of your assistance in obtaining the small amount we are asking for the New Orleans Mint where the Government has $22,000,000 stored.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Robert F. Broussard,
United States Senate.

April 26, 1917.

My dear Senator:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans which manifests the importance of securing the appropriation of $1,000 for which we are asking to enable us to keep the watchmen now employed to guard the Mint.

The estimate is before the Committee on appropriations, as you know, and I am writing to again urge that we have the benefit of your assistance in obtaining this small sum for the Mint where the Government has over $22,000,000 stored.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell,
United States Senate.

April 26, 1917.

Dear Congressman:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received to-day from the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans which manifests the importance of our securing the appropriation of $1,000 for which we are asking to enable us to keep the watchmen now employed to guard the Mint.

The estimate is before the Committee, and I am taking the liberty of urging that we have the benefit of your assistance in obtaining this small amount for the New Orleans Mint where we have over $22,000,000 stored.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Henry Garland Dupre,
House of Representatives.

April 26, 1917.

My dear Congressman:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received to-day from the Assayer in Charge at New Orleans which manifests the importance of our securing the appropriation of $1,000 for which we are asking to enable us to keep the watchmen now employed to guard the Mint.

The appropriation is before the committee, and I venture to urge that we have the benefit of your assistance in obtaining this small amount for the New Orleans Mint where we have over $22,000,000 stored.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Albert Estopinal,
House of Representatives.

April 27, 1917.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will reedive bids upon the delivery of 200,000 fine ounces of silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and upon the same amount for the Mint at San Francisco, until 2 o'clock, Monday, April 30, 1917, and you are invited to make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1917.

American Metals Company, Ltd.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive proposals until 2 o'clock, Monday, April 30, 1917, on the delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia of 200,000 ounces of fine silver and upon the same amount for the Mint at San Francisco, and you are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

R.T.Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1917.

Handy & Harman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive proposals until 2 o'clock, Monday, April 30, 1917, upon the delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia of 200,000 ounces of fine silver, and upon the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco, and you are invited to make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1917.

Nipissing Mining Company, Ltd.,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive bids until 2 o'clock, Monday, April 30, 1917, on the delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia of 200,000 fine ounces of silver and upon the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco, and you are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive proposals until 2 o'clock, Monday, April 30, on the delivery of 200,000 fine ounces of silver to the Mint at Philadelphia and on the same amount for delivery to the Mint at San Francisco. You are invited to make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive bids until two o'clock, Monday, April 30, upon the delivery to the Mint at San Francisco of 200,000 fine ounces of silver, and ipon the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at Philadelphia.

You are invited to make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1917.

Subject - Freight charges.

C. S. Walker Co.,
Worcester, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant I have to advise that the freight charges on chuck furnished by you to the San Francisco Mint in October last were billed to us.

I am today returning the bill to the railroad company with the information that charges should be billed to you.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

April 27, 1917.

Subject - Freight bill.

Britton & Gray,

Washington.

Gentlemen:

Herewith I am returning Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company's Coast Lines bill No. 612042 for $2.75, with accompanying bill of lading No. 20496.

This account should be billed to the consignor, the O. S. Walker Co., Worcester, Mass., as per their letter of advice to us dated the 25th instant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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FHC

April 28, 1917

The Governor
Federal Reserve Bank,
New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

In preparing some figures relating to gold certificates, etc. I find, in order to complete the work, that it is very necessary to know the amount of Clearing House certificates that is included with the amount ($186,410,800) shown against the item "Gold Certificates" in your statement of March 31, 1917.

I will greatly appreciate the favor if you will give us this information at an early date.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

E.B.L.

FHC

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 30, 1917.

Zimmermann & Forshay
New York City.

Silver deliveries needed within four weeks at most.

Baker

Director.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

April 30, 1917.

S. & B. Lederer,
100 - 106 Stewart Street
Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant the following is submitted:-

Boxes to hold $500 in 5-cent pieces or $2,000 in dimes or quarters will cost about seventy-five cents each. Kegs to hold about $1,250 in 5-cent pieces or $5,000 in dimes or quarters will cost about two dollars each.

The coining would be done in the Philadelphia Mint.

The packed coin will be delivered in the basement of the Mint. Transportation charges to any point should be obtained from the Express Companies.

The price of the metal (113,571.4284 lbs. av. of copper and 37,857.1428 lbs. av. of nickel), if supplied by the Mint to-day would be $51,693.31.

This price would vary in accordance with the cost of the metal on hand at the time the metal was received.

The amount required to be deposited would be the cost of the metal on the day the order was received.

Sketches would have to be submitted by the parties ordering the coin.

No sample coin would be submitted as the work on the dies would not be commenced until the order and authority for the coinage was received from this Bureau at the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 30, 1917.

United Metals Selling Co.,
New York City.

Your offer of silver for Philadelphia Mint accepted.

Baker

Director.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

April 30, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

Your offer silver for San Francisco accepted.

Baker

Director

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington,

April 30, 1917.

American Metals Company Ltd.,
New York City.

Both offers of silver for Philadelphia accepted.

Baker

Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

May 1, 1917.

SUBJECT: Deposits.

Mr. J. W. Nesham,
120 East Main Street,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 28th, and have also received the deposit referred to therein.

The Government does not maintain an office in Washington for treatment of deposits of bullion for the public, and your deposit has been forwarded to the United States Assay Office at New York City, with instructions to handle it in the usual manner and forward you the value thereof, less treatment charges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

W

May 1, 1917.

Jacksonville Dental Supply Company,
25 Laura Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of April 27th, and have also received the nugget of gold referred to therein, but as the Mints and Assay Offices of this service are not required to receive deposits which have a value of less than $100.00, the nugget referred to is not sufficient to constitute a deposit and the same is returned to you herewith by registered mail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

Enclosure.

May 1, 1917

Mr. L. A. Heilman,
56 West Main Street,
Greenville, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your card of the 27th ultimo, I have to advise you that the following table shows the coinage of old and new quarters and dimes during the year 1916. All of the new dimes shown in this table bear the designer's initials. There were no new dimes coined without these initials:

| 1916 | Philadelphia. Pieces. | San Francisco. Pieces. | Denver. Pieces. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Half dollars, old, - | - - | - - | - - |
| " " new, - | 608,000 | 508,000 | 1,014,400 |
| uarter dollars, old, - | 1,788,000 | - - - | 6,540,800 |
| " " new, - | 52,000 | - - - | - - - |
| Dimes, old, - | 18,490,000 | 5,820,000 | - - - |
| | 22,180,000 | 10,450,000 | 264,000 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC-W

May 1, 1917.

Mr. E. G. Tilton,
Hotel Plaza,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Your letter of April 23rd, addressed to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, has been referred to this office, and in reply you are advised that the diameter of the Double Eagle is 1.35 inches, its thickness .0968 inch, and its cubic content .1385586972 inch.

The standard silver dollar is 1.5 inches in diameter, .114 inch in thickness, and its cubic content is .2014551 inch.

The alloy of the gold and silver coins of the United States is copper, which constitutes 10% of the gross weight of the coins.

The coinage of the standard silver dollar ceased in 1904.

The coinage capacity of the combined mints on Double Eagles would be approximately $70,000,000 per month; however, it is not customary nor economical to operate on a single denomination of coin.

Respectfully,

FHC-W

Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1917

Merrill, Oldham & Company,
35 Congress Street,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Supplementing my letter to you dated April 24th, and in response to your request of April 25th, you are advised that the approximate distribution of the $2,206,454,869.00 gold certificates outstanding on April 1, 1917, as shown by a special compilation made in this office, is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Held by National Banks,- | $386,607,000 |
| " " Fed. Res. Banks & Agents,- | 534,940,940 |
| " " State Banks, Trust Companies, etc., - | 228,814,710 |
| " " Treasury on account Federal Reserve Banks and Agents Settlement Fund, - | 308,796,000 |
| In circulation and in hands of public, - | 747,296,219 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RB
TK

May 2, 1917.

Miss J. Lena Kyle,
216 East Second Street,
Madison, Indiana.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant I beg to say that the Mints do not sell silver bullion.

If you presented $100 in United States currency to a sub-treasury you would receive in return, if you wished for it, $100 in silver coin.

The value of the silver in $100 worth of silver dollars, at to-day's market price of silver, is approximately $58.00.

Silver is coined on Government account only.

If you presented $58.00 worth of silver bullion to a mint you would not receive $100 worth of silver coin in return.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1917.

United Metals Selling Co.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my telegram of the 30th ultimo accepting your offer of silver for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to say that the Superintendent of the Mint has been instructed to receive from you 50,000 ounces and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.75375 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1917.

American Metals Company, Ltd.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my telegram of the 30th ultimo accepting your offers of silver for the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to say that the Superintendent of that institution has been instructed to receive from you 100,000 ounces at the rate of $0.75225, and 100,000 ounces at the rate of $0.7520 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1917.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant relative to platinum recoveries. It would be impossible to make an estimate of the amount we are likely to obtain during the coming year as the quantity will depend entirely upon the volume of business which will come to the Assay Office at New York, and to the Mint at San Francisco and at Denver. There is no way in which we can judge for the future as to the quality of the deposits.

The past year has been abnormal as to the value of deposits, the New York Assay Office alone having handled in some months as much as $77,000,000 in gold coin. The normal deposits at this institution average about $5,000,000.

I will be very glad to keep you advised from time to time as to the amount we are holding in our institutions,- platinum, palladium and iridium.

Yours very sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Lathrop Brown,
Special Assistant to the Secretary,
Department of the Interior.

May 2, 1917.

The Nipissing Mining Company, Ltd.,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, together with your offer to supply fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, at the rate of $0.76-5/8 per fine ounce. A lower bid having been received, we were unable to accept your offer.

I will take pleasure in advising you when the Department is again to purchase silver and will be glad to have you make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1917.

The Nipissing Mining Company, Ltd.,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, together with your offer to supply fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, at the rate of $0.76-5/8 per fine ounce. A lower bid having been received, we were unable to accept your offer.

I will take pleasure in advising you when the Department is again to purchase silver and will be glad to have you make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 3, 1917.

Mr. H. A. Diener,
Commercial Credit Import Department,
The National City Bank of New York,
55 Wall St., New York City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the first instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting two copies of the Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World, published by this Bureau in 1912:

I beg to advise you that I am sending you under separate cover the two copies requested; also that a revised edition of the Monetary Systems is now in the hands of the printer, and a copy will be forwarded to you as soon as it is ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 422

May 5, 1917.

SUBJECT: Diffusion of solid gold into solid tin.

Mr. C. E. Van Orstrand,
Geophysical Laboratory,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith copy of report of the Assayer of this Bureau, dated the 3rd instant, showing results of diffusion of solid gold into solid tin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

May 3, 1917.

The Fidelity and Casualty Company
of New York,
92 Liberty Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant I beg to say that Lewis W. Jones, a skilled workman in the New York Assay Office, has given a bond in the sum of $3,000, with the United States Guarantee Company, which was approved under date of April 26th, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1917.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $1,133.25, covering the cost of manufacturing 50 Life Saving Medals and cases.

In payment of this account please cause the following amounts to be placed to the credit of the appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, fiscal year 1917:-

Wages of Workmen ------------$108.18
Contingent Expenses -------1,025.07 $1,133.25

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1917.

Major Earl I. Brown, U. S. A.,
Chief of Office,
Panama Canal Washington Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant relative to the manufacture of Canal Medals, I beg to submit the following:-

The Philadelphia Mint can furnish 100 Panama Canal Medals with pin for thirty-seven cents each. If the extra bar for two years' service is desired, the cost will be eight cents additional.

The medal alone, without pin, can be supplied for thirty cents.

The metal for the medals is in stock at the Philadelphia Mint.

I enclose specimen of the medal with pin and also a two years bar (which please return) so that the Mint may be certain of what is wanted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1917.

The Chief of the
Division of Printing and Stationery.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the printing of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World."

Referring to the requirements of Section 1 of the Sundry Civil Act, March 3, 1915, and in conformity thereto, I beg to state that the third edition of this pamphlet will, at this time particularly, on account of our international relations, be of important service to those engaged in the collection of customs, to all banking interests, and to all engaged in foreign commerce. Moreover, the pamphlet is in constant use in connection with our work of compiling and translating foreign statistics for the Report of the Director of the Mint, and in the Customs Division of the Treasury Department.

The matter contained on pages 12 to 21, which information appears in Circular No. 52, originated in this Office, and forms an important part of the context in relation to our monetary system. It would be wasteful to use Circular 52 to augment the text in the Monetary Systems pamphlet, and this text cannot be omitted without impairing the value of the edition. The necessity for the reproduction exists as it does in the case of reproducing matter appearing both in the Finance Report and the Report of the Director of the Mint.

In view of your statement that a change of type from 8-point to 10-point would add materially to the cost of the pamphlet, and would increase the size of the pamphlet by 25 or 30 pages, I withdraw my request for this change.

The requisition calls for an edition of 1000. This number was requested for the reason that we have a large waiting list. However, I am glad to revised the number and ask for 500, with the request that an additional 500 be issued as early in the fiscal year 1918 as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant in regard to the amountdue from the Mint at Philadelphia for minor coinage metal.

The Superintendent has been instructed to immediately proceed with the coinage of one and five cent pieces, and to continue on the same exclusive of all other denominations until he has accumulated a sufficient amount of coinage to make payment for the metal used.

I am about to urge upon Congress the necessity of increasing the minor coinage metal fund from $200,000 to $300,000 and will make every effort to have steps taken without delay which will enable the Superintendent to meet his minor coinage metal charges. The Mint at San Francisco, and the Mint at Denver are now on minor coin, and I hope to be able to withdraw from them a proportion of the fund assigned to them and place the same at the disposal of the Philadelphia Mint to be used in making payment to you.

I regret that this condition has arisen, and will do everything possible to remedy the same at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

, May 4, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold and Silver deposits at Assay Offices.

W. C. Kruse,
107-109 South 1st Street,
Champaign, Ill.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of May 2nd I beg to advise you that the mints and assay offices of this service are not required to receive deposits of gold or silver unless the value of same is approximately of $100.00.

I regret to advise you that the silver you have would not be sufficient to constitute a deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 422

May 5, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive bids until 2 o'clock, Monday, May 7, 1917, upon the delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia of 200,000 ounces of fine silver, and upon the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco, and you are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

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My 7,1917

Auditor for the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of May 3rd, I am enclosing herewith explanation as to certain charges contained in Vouchers 8 and 9 dated Feby. 13th and 21st respectively covering travel performed by F.H.Chaffin between Washington and Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 7 1917

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Auditor for the Treasury Department dated May 3,1917 in which he requests that certain items of expense contained in my vouchers for travel performed by me between Washington and Philadelphia on February 13th and 21st be explained and itemized, I beg to submit the following:

voucher # 8, Taxicab $0.75 Feby 13,1917.

I considered a taxicab necessary in this case for the reason that I traveled on the mid-night train and was unable to leave my home 1731 Columbia Road, until very late in the evening.

Meals and tips $5.00. should be itemized as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Breakfast | $1.50 |
| tip | .25 |
| Lunch | .85 |
| tip | .20 |
| Dinner | 1.95 |
| tip | .25 |
| | $5.00 |

Voucher #9 Feby 21 1917, item meals and tips $3.65 should be itemized as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Lunch | $1.15 |
| tip | .20 |
| Dinner | 2.05 |
| tip | .25 |
| | $3.65 |

I was not aware that the Comptroller had decided against lumping expenditures for meals and tips. The decision does not appear to have been published in the bound copy of his decisions on file here.

Respectfully,

May 7, 1917.

Subject - Freight bill.

Auditor Freight Traffic, C.,R.I.,& P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning your bill number 2460, in amount $1.93, for transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Conn., to the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado.

Attention is invited to copy of letter of the Auditor for the Treasury Department dated May 5, 1917, copy herewith, which is fully explanatory.

Respectfully,

R.T.Baker

Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1917.

The American Metal Company, Ltd.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of this date offering silver for the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Superintendent of the Mint has been instructed to receive approximately 100,000 ounces of fine silver purchased to-day, and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.7525 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
New York City.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:-

"Your offer of silver for San Francisco accepted."

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has been instructed to receive from you 100,000 ounces of silver and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.7775 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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Washington,

May 7, 1917.

merican Smelting Refining Company,
New York City.

Your offer silver for San Francisco accepted.

R.T. Baker
Director.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

VRITTEN:

Washington,

May 7th, 1917.

American Metal Company, Ltd.,

New York City.

Your offer of silver for Philadelphia accepted.

R. T. Baker

Director.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 7, 1917.

nited Metals Selling Co.,
New York City.

Your offer silver Philadelphia accepted.

R. T. Baker
Director.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

May 3, 1917.

Assistant Quartermaster U. S. Marine Corps,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $440.12, covering the cost of 1000 Good Conduct Medals for the Marine Corps.

Please cause this amount to be transferred to the credit of the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1917:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen ---------- | $385.59 | |
| Contingent Expenses ------ | 54.53 | $440.12 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1917.

Mr. Louis L. Longfelder,
Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant you are advised that all positions in the Mint Service are under the United States Civil Service, and are subject to examination of the applicant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1917.

Mr. A. P. Fitzsimmons,
Treasurer, Philippine Islands,
Department of Finance and Justice,
Manila, P. I.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st instant I beg to say that the Mint service has never employed in any of its offices a man named I. Hanazomo.

I have inquired at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, and find that no one of that name has ever been on the roll of that branch of the service.

There is no Mint in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1917.

Hon. T. J. Walsh,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter ov the 5th instant relative to the coinage of a six cent piece.

The Department has received numerous requests for the manufacture of a coin of another denomination than those now in existence, including a half cent, three-cent, two-and-one-half cent, fifteen cent piece. Within the last few years several bills have been introduced, but no legislation has resulted.

The Department has made no recommendation on the subject. I should be pleased to advise with you in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

May 8, 1917.

Dear Senator Hollis:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant relative to the issue of a coin of the denomination of six cents.

As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to authorize the manufacture of a coin of another denomination than those now in use. Several bills have been introduced in recent years proposing the coinage of a half-cent, a two-and-one-half cent a three cent piece, but no legislation has been enacted.

The Department has made no recommendation on the subject. I should be pleased to advise with you in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Henry F. Hollis,
United States Senate.

May 6, 1917.

Dear Senator Shafroth:

I am enclosing herewith a memorandum relative to the deficiency in the appropriation for contingent expenses at the Denver Mint for your guidance in obtaining for us the $4,000 asked for by the Superintendent.

With personal appreciation of the assistance you are giving us, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John F. Shafroth,
United States Senate.

May 8, 1917.

Memorandum for Senator Shafroth.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver estimates that at least $4,000 additional contingent fund will be required to carry him through the fiscal year.

The cost of crucibles, chemical, and copper for alloying silver coin has depleted the appropriation to such an extent that it will not be sufficient to carry the Mint beyond May 31st. This excessive drain upon the fund could not have been anticipated at the time the estimates were submitted.

The demand for subsidiary silver coinage has been greater than ever in the history of the Mint Service, and the Denver Mint has been required to exceed its normal capacity by overtime work. This has caused a correspondingly heavy tax on the contingent appropriation provided for the reason that, not only all incidental expenses connected with general operations have had to be met, but the fund is the only one available for the purchase of copper for alloying coins.

If it is found to be impossible to procure an additional $4,000 for contingent expenses for the Denver Mint the operations will cease at the end of May, as we shall have exhausted what we now have on hand.

Up to the early part of April it was hoped that the demands upon the mint would diminish; for that reason no extra amount was asked for in the pending bill.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1917.

The Secretary
Tobacco Merchants Association of
the United States,
5 Beekman St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter relative to the manufacture of a six cent coin, I beg to say that the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation would require the authority of Congress.

Should such legislation be contemplated your letter will be referred to. The Department has made no suggestion in regard to the issue of a new coin.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

, May 9, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold Production Figures.

The Commonwealth Statistician,
"Rialto", Collins Street,
Melbourne, Australia.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of March 24th, 1917, relative to the production of gold, I am sending to you under separate cover the last annual report of the Director of the Mint, which includes figures for the calendar years 1914 and 1915.

I am also enclosing herewith a preliminary estimate of the gold and silver produced during the calendar year 1916.

Respectfully,

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Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1917.

Mrs. P. J. Watson,
Ione, Amador Co., California.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant relative to a deposit made by you at the San Francisco Mint.

Upon receipt of your first letter, dated April 11, 1917, inquiry was made in regard to your deposit, and the Superintendent of the Mint reported that an examination of his records showed no mistake in the weighing of the deposit.

The Superintendwnt further states that your original letter made no mention of any particular weight.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1917.

The Chief of the Bureau of
Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $7,780.80, covering the cost of the manufacture of 60,000 pesos in 50 centavos, 40,000 pesos in 5-centavo pieces and 15,000 pesos in 1-centavos.

In payment of this account please cause the following amounts to be placed to the credit of the appropriations for the support of the Mint at San Francisco, 1917:-

Wages of Workmen -------------$5,187.20
Contingent Expenses ---------- 2,593.60

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1917.

Bastian Bros. Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant regarding the manufacture of coins for a foreign government.

I have taken pleasure in causing to be transmitted to you a copy of the coinage laws which include the provisions of the law in regard to the manufacture of coins for another country.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

, May 10, 1917.

SUBJECT: Requests sample of Tin.

The Director of
The Bureau of Standards.

Sir:

We are looking for some tin particularly free from gold for aome special tests and have been informed by Mr. R. L. Whitehead, of the American Smelting and Refining Co., of Perth Amboy, that he has supplied you with metal of exceptional purity. Could you supply us with 25 grams of this metal so that we can make a satisfactory determination of the gold present, and ascertain if it is pure enough for our work?

Appreciating your assistance, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1917.

Mr. F. W. Kingsbury,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to say that quarterdollars of the new design were coined in 1916. I am unable to tell you where you might find one. There are none in the Treasury, and none in the mints.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1917.

The Anglo & London National Bank,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant requesting to be advised when purchases of silver are made by the Department in open market.

I have taken pleasure in directing that telegraphic advice will be sent you at the conclusion of each purchase.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1917.

Mr. J. E. Wallace,
Superior, Montana.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of Commerce, has been referred to this Office.

The institutions of the Mint Service do not purchase or deal in platinum beyond recovering that contained in gold bullion. The recoveries are made from an accumulation of deposits operated upon in the electrolytic refineries maintained in the Mint at Denver and at San Francisco, and the New York Assay Office. There is no institution of the Mint Service where assays of concentrates for platinum are made for the public.

Regretting that we cannot be of assistance to you, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1917.

Mr. Franklin Escher,
Mills Building,
New York City.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant requesting a copy of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

A revised edition of this pamphlet is now in the hands of the printer and as soon as a copy is available the same will be sent to you.

There is no objection to using the matter in the pamphlet as reference.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Lucas, Esq.,
Vienna, Ga.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst., with which you enclose a coin for inspection is received. The coin is a copper coin, probably a Canadian penny, and of no particular value.

The same is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

May 9 1917

Louis Fischer,
3849 Lovell ave.,
West Wood, Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to the Treasurer of the U.S., I beg to advise you that the quarter dollar coins of the United States are silver coins and could not legally be coined from any other metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

May 9, 1917

Mrs Orpha Hansell Hurley
and
Miss Mania De Van Hurley,
3099 Broadway,
New York City, N.Y.

Mesdames:

Your letter without date addressed to the Hon. J.P.Tumulty with enclosure has been referred to this office, and in reply I regret to inform you that the suggestions offered by you with regard to changes in the designs on the one half and quarter dollar coins cannot be acted upon for the reason that under the law changes in the designs on coins cannot be made oftener than once in twenty years. The designs on the coins referred were changed in 1916.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 9 1917

J.S.McGrann,
Mobridge, So. Dak.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th ulto. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office, and in reply, I beg to advise you that the Mints and Assay Offices in this service are not required to receive deposits of gold where the value approximates less than $100. The quantity i.e. ¼ of an ounce referred to by you would not be sufficient to constitute a deposit.

The Government is not purchasing platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

May 9 1917

T.A.Gromly D.D.S.,
Mt Vernon, Iowa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst. in which you say that you have some scrap platinum which you desire to dispose of, I beg to advise you that the Mints and Assay Offices in this service do not purchase platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

May 10 1917

F.P.FOUHLROD, ESQ.,

Box 794, Hopewell, Va.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of April 27th, I beg to advise you that the medal to which you refer is a civil war token piece, many of which have been issued.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

May 10, 1917.

SUBJECT: Gold and Silver Product.

Raritan Copper Works,
(Office), 42 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The report of the American Smelting and Refining Co. (Perth Amboy Plant), shows that they shipped to your company copper bullion containing 2,774 ounces of gold and 263,215 ounces of silver during the calendar year 1916.

Inasmuch as this metal does not appear to have been included in your report, I would be pleased to be advised as to the above shipment so that any possible duplication in our final production figures may be detected.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 10 1917

Mr Jake Williams,
1907 Toledo st.,
Logansport, Ind.

Madam:

I have your letter of the 9th inst. with reference to a half dollar dated 1811, but regret to say that I am unable to advise you whether the coin is worth any more than face value. This office does not undertake to pass upon the value or character of coins. I would suggest that you apply to some one who deals in old coins for the information you desire.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FHC

May 11, 1917.

Mr. E. B. Taylor,
Jamestown College,
Jamestown, N. D.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to advise you that the following coins are now being manufactured:

The Gold $20, $10, $5, and $2.50 pieces.
Silver $0.50, $0.25, $0.10 cent pieces.
Minor, $0.05 and $0.01 cent pieces.

No silver dollars have been coined since 1904. Silver dollars are paid out in exchange for silver certificates if they are called for.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 12 1917

Planter's Bank,
Ridgley, Tenn.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of a small quantity of bullion, the outside of the package bearing your name and the same is returned herewith by registered mail. As the mints are not required to receive deposits the value of which do not approximate $100, the metal referred to is not sufficient to constitute a deposit. The charges for treating such a small amount of bullion would be excessive considering the value involved.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

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May 12 1917

A.C.Lake,Esq.,
28 N.Front st.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Sir:

I have your letter of May 2nd, and in reply I beg to advise you that the gold coins of the United States contain 23.22 grains of pure gold, or 25.8 grains of standard gold-- nine parts gold and one part copper alloy to the dollar. Pure gold is worth $20.67183462 per ounce or 480 grains.

The mints receive deposits of gold in quantities of not less than $100 and pay for the pure gold content at the above rate less treatment and alloy charges as shown on the table enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1917.

Mr. S. F. Palmer,
93 Wilsey Street,
Newark, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I beg to advise you that the Government has no platinum for sale at this time.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1917.

Mr. Byron Barber,
R. R. 2, Box 27,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant I beg to advise you that the Department does not buy silver in small quantities. When we are in need of silver for subsidiary coinage we are obliged to purchase the same in quantities approximating 100,000 ounces and over in the open market on competitive bids.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1917.

Mr. V. T. Strickler,
Buena Vista, Virginia.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 11th inatant I beg to say that deposits of gold bullion in value approximating $100 will be received at the mints; payment to be made by check of the Treasurer of the United States after the charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes are deducted.

Respectfully,

RTBaker

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1917.

Mr. J. E. Waggoner,
International Harvester Company of America,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant relative to the coinage of silver dollars, I beg to say that the manufacture of standard silver dollars was discontinued in 1904.

The purchasing clause of the Act of July 14, 1890, was repealed by the act of November 1, 1893. In 1904 the silver purchased under the Act of 1890, for the coinage of silver dollars was finally consumed. No authority exists for the purchase of silver for standard silver dollars.

Respectfully,

R.T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1917.

Handy & Harman,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive bids until 2 o'clock, Wednesday, May 16th, upon the delivery of 200,000 ounces of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco, and you are requested to make proposal.

Respectfully

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive bids until 2 o'clock, Wednesday, May 16th, on the delivery of 200,000 ounces of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and upon the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco, and you are invited to make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
New York City.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
New York City.

American Metal Company, Ltd.,
New York City.

May 14, 1917.

United Metals Selling Company,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau will receive bids on the delivery of 200,000 ounces of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and on the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco. Bids will be received until 2 o'clock, Wednesday, May 16th, and you are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 14, 1917.

Nipissing Mining Company, Ltd.,
165 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive bids upon the delivery of 200,000 ounces of fine silver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and 200,000 ounces fine silver to the Mint at San Francisco. Bids will be received until 2 o'clock, Wednesday, May 16th, and you are invited to make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1917.

Dear Senator Weeks:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant relative to the issue of a coin of the denomination of six cents.

As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to authorize the manufacture of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Several bills have been introduced in recent years proposing the coinage of a half-cent, a three cent piece and a two-and-one-half cent piece, but no legislation resulted.

The Department has made no recommendation on the subject. I should be pleased to advise with you in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John W. Weeks,
United States Senate.

Director of the Mint

Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1917.

derwood Typewriter Company May 14 7

F Street, Washington, D. C.

perintendent, U. S. Assay Office, New York City.

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| Underwood Typewriter #3, 14" carriage, pica type. | 75 60 |
| | 75 60 |

Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1917.

Wells Fargo & Co.,
Washington.

Gentlemen:

Please render separate bills for the items on the enclosed voucher, your No. T/D 11-417. The items are payable from different places.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN:

Washington,

May 16, 1917.

mmermann & Forshay
New York City.

Your offer of silver for San Francisco accepted.

R.T. Baker

Director Mint.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN:

Washington,

May 16, 1917.

American Metals Co. Ltd.,

New York City.

Your offer silver for Philadelphia accepted.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 16, 1917.

United Metals Selling Co.,
New York City.

Your offer of silver for Philadelphia accepted.

R. T. Baker
Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

NIGHT LETTER

May 16th, 1917.

Anglo London Paris National Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

In addition to silver from you have purchased seventy-five thousand ounces for San Francisco at seven seven four five; two hudred thousand ounces for Philadelphia at seven five six and fifty thousand ounces at seven five seven five.

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

May 17, 1917.

Dear Congressman Fitzgerald:

The Deficiency Bill as reported by the Senate omits the items carried in the Bill by the House of Representatives providing for the institutions of the Mint Service.

The following estimates were passed by the House:-

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| Philadelphia Mint. | |
| Wages of Workmen ----------- | $10,000 |
| Contingent Expenses ------- | 5,000 |
| New Orleans Mint. | |
| Wages of Workmen ---------- | 1,000 |
| New York Assay Office. | |
| Wages of Workmen ---------- | 5,000 |
| Contingent Expenses ------- | 5,000 |

A subsequent estimate was submitted for contingent expenses of the Mint at Denver in the sum of $4,000.

It is urgently requested that the items be restored to the pending bill, and that for the Mint at Denver added.

We are asking not only for contingent funds to purchase supplies required, but we are asking for money to pay wages of workmen now employed. Our wage funds are practically exhausted in the institutions concerned. We have absolutely no way of paying the men unless Congress comes to our relief as early as possible. The elimination of the items from the present bill, with the resulting delay incident to the introduction and passage of a new measure, will necessitate closing down our plants within a few days.

The depletion of our funds is due entirely to war conditions. The demands upon the mints for coinage, and the receipt of many millions of dollars worth of gold bullion handled at the New York Assay Office, have required us to run overtime a part of the year. In addition to the extraordinary operations of the institutions we have been obliged to employ a large number of special guards to care for government property and treasure. It would be extremely dangerous to withdraw these men from duty at this time, a step which would be necessitated if we were not provided with money to pay their wages.

The cost of all standard supplies, including graphite goods, acids, chemicals, etc., has doubled and tripled. The cost of copper, indispensable in the manufacture of silver and minor coin, has advanced from about 14 cents a pound just previous to the war to approximately 35 cents, and we cannot execute coinage without it.

The distribution of coins, through the sub-treasuries and the banks must be met by the mints. The manufacture of munitions, the purchase of supplies, the transportation of troops and supplies, all have a direct bearing upon the volume of business looked for from the mints at this time. The paper money issued must be represented by metal handled in our institutions. A single week's suspension of operations, or even a curtailment of the activities of the mint service would seriously embarrass the

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business of the Government at this time. There is no way by which the mints can be kept in operation if we have no funds with which to pay for wages. If we might venture upon a delay in the matter of obtaining money for supplies by requesting dealers to allow the government's bills to remain unpaid until an appropriation could be granted, we are not able to meet the problem of wages in this manner.

I regret that we are obliged to add to the pressure of business now before you, but feel sure you will appreciate the necessity which exists for the earliest possible action on the part of the appropriations committee, in providing us with means to meet the country's business demands for coin, and to place at the disposal of the Treasurer of the United States the necessary amount of money to pay our troops at home and abroad.

By restoring the items to the pending bill, including that asked for Denver, and placing the appropriation at our disposal without delay I can continue to operate the institutions of the mint service without interruption.

I feel sure you will agree that these items are of vital importance and I sincerely trust you may be able to have them added to the pending bill.

With assurances of my high regard, I am

Yours sincerely,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

Hon. John J. Fitzgerald,
Chairman of the Committee
on Appropriations,
House of Representatives.

May 17, 1917.

Mr. G. A. Henkel,
N. 1335 Normandie Street,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant I beg to advise you that the Government does not buy platinum. That which is recovered in the process of refining large quantities of gold is retained for the possible uses of the Government during the present war period.

If you have access to a file of the "Engineering and Mining Journal" or some other Mining Journal you will find the weekly quotation upon platinum. The issue of the Engineering and Mining Journal for May 12, 1917, quoted platinum at $105 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1917.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the striking of a medal to commemorate the visit of the French and British Commissioners, has been referred to this Office for reply.

Preliminary arrangements were made at the Mint some time ago looking to the execution of such a medal, and some work has been done upon the designs. I beg, however, to express the appreciation of the Department, and of this Office, for your interest in the matter. I shall take pleasure in advising you of the accomplishment of the work should it finally be determined to execute a medal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Dr. Herman T. Radin
654 East 165th St.,
New York City.

May 18, 1917.

Mr. Herman C. Cofman,
16 Day Street,
Fitchburg, Mass.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant I beg to advise you that the Treasury Department will redeem the fractional paper currency of the United States at its face value.

Colonial currency has no value other than that of curios.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1917.

Mr. John A. Hirstius,
C/. Newtown Gas Company,
Elmhurst, L. I.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 17th instant you are advised that the Government of the United States never issued a gold coin of the denomination of 25 cents. So-called 25 and 50 cent gold pieces have been made by private parties, but they were never authorized by Congress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1917.

Mr. Hugo Victor,
Hotel Gramatan,
Bronxville, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant I beg to advise you that the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of World" is now in the hands of the printer. As soon as a copy is available one will be sent to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1917.

Mr. David L. Sherman,
34 East 28th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the U. S. Assay Department, Washington, D. C." has been sent by the Post Office Department to this Bureau. There is no laboratory connected with the Government in Washington where assays are made for the public. This Bureau, which has jurisdiction over the assay offices of the United States located throughout the country, was not established until 1873.

I regret that I am unable to advise you where you might obtain the data you require.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1917.

Subject - Bill for subscription.

Wm. B. Dana Co.,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have to advise, with reference to the enclosed bill for subscription of this office to the Commercial and Financial Chronicle for one year from July 1, 1916, that payment for said subscription was made by check of the disbursing officer of the Treasury Department in July last.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

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May 16, 1917.

Dear Congressman Thomas:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant enclosing a 500-reis note in Brazilian currency.

The milreis has a gold value of approximately 25 cents, and the 500-reis piece would have a gold value of half that amount, or approximately 13 cents.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the circular giving the value of foreign coins and would refer you to note in reference to the Brazilian currency.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. R. Y. Thomas,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1917.

Mrs. R. E. Thiele,
1406 West 34th St.,
Austin, Texas.

Madam:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant relative to a gold plate of which you wish to dispose.

I regret to advise you that the Government does not purchase gold in less quantities than that approximating $100 in value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1917.

Mr. Luis de Hoyos,
Chief Clerk and Manager,
Spanish Department,
Synfleur Scientific Laboratories,
Monticello, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the U. S. Assaying Department, I beg to say that we have no knowledge of the Companies about whom you have made inquiry. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1917.

Hon. Lathrop Brown,
Special Assistant to the Secretary
of the Interior.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am enclosing herewith a statement covering the recoveries of platinum and allied metals in the several laboratories of this service for a period of five years.

The statement is sent in response to a verbal request from you upon your recent visit to this Office, and I trust the information is what you desire to have.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

## BULLION REFINED AND BY-PRODUCTS RECOVERED.

| ear. | Bullion treated. | | By-products recovered. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Gold. | Silver. | Platinum. | Palladium. | Iridium. | Osmiridium. |
| | Ounces. | Ounces. | Ounces. | Ounces. | Ounces. | Ounces. |
| 913,-- | 6,724,164 | 4,777,571 | 1666.34 | 28.25 | --- | 0.35 |
| 914,-- | 6,418,786 | 4,261,156 | 2108.99 | 116.05 | --- | 2.78 |
| 915,-- | 5,535,476 | 6,272,818 | 2507.08 | 320.24 | 102.00 | 4.99 |
| 916,-- | 6,975,307 | 5,172,722 | 2614.47 | 240.42 | 214.70 | 4.76 |
| 917,* | 7,000,000 | 5,500,000 | 2559.81 | 575.17 | 12.00 | --- |

* Bullion treated in the refineries, 1917 (estimated).

It is estimated that we will have on hand from all sources on June 30, 917, 2,059.81 ounces of platinum and 575.17 ounces of palladium. There is lso on hand at the present time, 162 ounces of iridium, which requires further treatment before it can be classed as refined metal.

May 19, 1917.

Dear Congressman Goodwin:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter addressed to Mr. J. C. Lewis, Jersey, Arkansas, and forwarded by you to this Office for reply.

Mr. Lewis's letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. W. S. Goodwin,
House of Representatives.

May 19, 1917.

Mr. J. C. Lewis,
Jersey, Arkansas,

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to Honorable W. S. Goodwin, M. C., has by him been referred to this Office with the request that you be given the information you seek.

I beg to advise you that the mints and assay offices of the United States receive gold in the form of bullion in quantities approximating $100 in value and over. Payment is made by check on the Treasurer of the United States, after charges for fitting the material for coinage purposes have been deducted.

We are not able to handle gold in the form of ore, except to assay the specimens sent. This is done at a charge of $1.00 for determining gold. An assay of the material you refer to would be made for you at the Mint of the United States, New Orleans, the charge of $1.00 being prepaid. About five pounds of specimen ore would be required to make a satisfactory assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 21, 1917.

The Publishers,
The Quarterly Journal of Economics,
2 University Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Owing to the limited appropriation at our disposal for subscription to periodicals, magazines, and financial papers, we are obliged to discontinue the subscription of this Bureau to the QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS for the coming year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 25, 1917.

Wm. B. Dana Company,

New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, concerning the enclosed bill for subscription of this office to the Chronicle for the year ending June next, I beg to advise that our remittance in July last was for the period covered by this bill, not for the prior year. In July, 1915, we paid for two years subscription, from July 1914 to June 1916, inclusive.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 23- 1917.

A. C. Lake, Esq.,
#28 N. Front St.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Sir:-

Answering your letter of May 21st., I beg to advise you that 2322 grains of pure gold is worth $100, and the mints pay that amount for it less a melting charge of $1.00 and an alloy charge of one and two tenths cents, or $98.99.

The gold coins of the United States, when new i.e. when issued by the mint, contain their face value in gold bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 23, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive bids on Friday, May 25th, upon the delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia of 200,000 ounces of fine silver, and upon the delivery of the same amount to the Mint at San Francisco, and you are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 24, 1917.

Mr. K. H. Patrick,
United States Post Office,
White Oak, South Carolina.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant I beg to say that the sale of proof coins has been discontinued by the Mint.

I am forwarding you under separate cover a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which shows the coinage executed each year.

Respectfully,

R.T.Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 24, 1917.

Mr. J. Wesley Melton,
Glen Allen, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau.

The Department is allowed to receive and redeem minor coin which has been damaged and can still be identified as genuine coin when it is received in quantities weighing a pound or over. As the amount enclosed in your letter was not enough to meet this requirement, the coins could not be redeemed.

I am enclosing herewith one dollar which is contributed privately, and I trust it will cover the amount contained in the enclosure of your letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1917.

Mr. J. Donald Amerman,
51 Wall Street,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant I beg to advise you that a new edition of the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World" is now being prepared. A copy will be mailed to as soon as received from the printer.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 24, 1917.

Dear Congressman Doremus:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter enclosing a letter from Mr. E. A. Wigren, 131 Marston Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, relative to the coinage of a two-and-one-half cent piece.

As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Several bills have been introduced in recent years proposing the manufacture of a two-and-one-half cent piece, a three cent piece, and a half-cent piece, but no legislation resulted.

The Department has made no recommendation in the matter.

I would be pleased to advise with you on this subject.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Frank E. Doremus,
House of Representatives.

Enclosure.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 25, 1917.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

Your offer of silver for Philadelphia and San Francisco accepted.

Baker

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint, Bureau 1917.

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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 25, 1917.

United States Smelting Co.,
120 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Your offer of fine silver delivered to San Francisco accepted. Offer for Philadelphia respectfully declined.

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2/28.

May 26, 1917.

Mrs. Michael Borst,
1115 Elizabeth Street,
Wheeling, West Virginia.

Madam:

I am returning herewith the jewelry scrap sent by you and regret to advise you that the value of the same is not sufficient to constitute an acceptable deposit. Such material is received in quantities approximating $100 in value and over. The charges on this deposit would exceed the value of the metal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26-1917.

Illinois Watch Case Co.,
Elgin, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of May 21st., addressed to the Bureau of Standards, has been referred to this office and in reply I beg to advise you that the dry silver determination is known to be inexact and the wet method at Gay Lussac is used in the Mint service. You may find this method described in various books on assaying particularly "Notes on Assaying" by Ricketts & Miller.

The melting of sterling silver is given as 931.1° C and the temperature of pouring as about 960° C. It is impossible to advise you intelligently as to your particular furnace temperature, but you may find considerable information on the general subject in The Silver Smith's Hand Book by Gee and Mixed Metals by Hiorus.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1917.

Miss Emma Elliott,
523 West 135th St.,
New York City.

Miss:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant I beg to say that the Government buys gold scrap or bullion in quantities approximating $100 and over in value. Silver is purchased in large quantities only, on competitive bids.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1917.

Mr. Franklin Escher,
Mills Building,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant relative to a copy of "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World".

The proof has not yet reached us from the Printing Office, but we have to-day urged upon the Public Printer the necessity for hastening the issue of the publication as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1917.

Mr. A. C. Jerrett, D.D.S.,
Rochester, New York.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant I beg to say that the Government is not in the market for platinum. We recover platinum in operating on large quantities of metal in the electrolytical refineries of the Mint Service, but we do not purchase the metal independently.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1917.

Mr. J. G. Linn,
The Anglo & London Paris National Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant relative to the pamphlet entitled "Monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World". A new edition is now being printed and a copy will be sent to you upon receipt of a supply from the Printer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1917.

Clendenin Brothers,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant relative to the account of the Philadelphia Mint for metal, the Superintendent of that institution was to-day instructed over the telephone to make payment of his account as soon as possible. He stated that $10,00 would be sent to you to-day, and that the balance of the account would be paid in the coming week.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1917.

Mr. N. E. Eastman,
Sioux Falls, S. D.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant relative to a souvenir coin for the "Liberty Loan".

An act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a new coin for any purpose.

The smallest coin issued by the Government at any time is the one-dollar piece.

If the proposal to issue a coin as you describe is taken up it will give me pleasure to refer to your letter. Thank you for the interest you manifest in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1917.

Dann Brothers,
New Castle, Indiana.
(Box 22)

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the package containing metal and regret to advise you that the same is not acceptable as a deposit. The institutions of the Mint Service are not required to receive gold bullion in quantities which do not approximate $100 in value and over.

There is no U. S. Assay Office in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1917.

Dear Senator Poindexter:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. W. G. Koenig, Seattle, Washington, relative to the coinage of a six-cent piece or a twelve-cent piece.

As you are aware, an act of Congress would be required to authorize the issue of a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation.

Several bills have been introduced in recent years proposing the coinage of a 2½-cent piece, and a ½-cent piece, but no legislation resulted.

The Department has made no recommendations on the subject. I would be pleased to advise with you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Miles D. Poindexter,
United States Senate.

Enclosure.

May 28, 1917.

Hon. Dow H. Drukker,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, enclosing a letter from Mr. Paul E. Gaire, I beg to say that assays of ore are made to determine gold and silver at a charge of $1.00. If you will have Mr. Gaire send his specimen to the U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La., or to the U. S. Assay Office at Deadwood, S. D., the work can be done for him.

There is no laboratory connected with the Government in Washington where such assays are made for the public.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1917.

The Chief
of the Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, amounting to $4,864.36 covering the cost of the manufacture of 10,000 pesos in one centavos and 127,000 pesos in 50-centavos.

In payment of this account please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations of the Mint at San Francisco, 1917, with the amounts indicated:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen | $3,242.91 | |
| Contingent Expenses | 1,621.45 | $4,864.36 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1917.

Professor F. E. Triebel,
Northern Boulevard,
College Point, Long Island.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter enclosing a letter received from Hon F. J. H. von Engelken, the former Director of the Mint.

No legislation has been enacted authorizing a coin of a new denomination. Should such authority be given by Congress I will take pleasure in advising you.

The letter of Mr. von Engelken is returned herewith as you request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 29, 1917.

Mr. G. W. Smith,
P. O. Box 1709,
Los Angeles, California.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to the President, relative to a change in the designs of our coins.

An act of Congress would be required to alter the present designs of any of our current coins. I wish, however, to thank you for your interest in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1917.

The Levintoric Optical Co.,
Rochester, New York.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant I beg to advise you that the Government does not puchase platinum scrap. Platinum is recovered in our electrolytic refineries, but we do not purchase the metal separately.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1917.

Mr. Franklin Adams,
Chief Clerk and Editor
of the Bulletin,
Pan American Union,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant relative to the reproduction of photographs of the coins recently issued.

The Department sees no objection to the publication of the photographs as suggested by you.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the illustrations used in the recent edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint. The public printer holds the plates for these illustrations.

Respectfully,

R T Baker

Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1917.

Mr. Harris Burns,
431-32 First National Bank Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th instant I beg to advise you that the institutions of the Mint Service do not receive deposits of gold in small quantities. The minimum value of a deposit is supposed to approach $100.00. I regret that we cannot be of assistance to you in disposing of the case.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1917.

Dear Dr. Pratt:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th enclosing a statement of the exports of gold from the United States since 1913.

The figures are of great assistance to me, and I am obliged to you for your promptness and courtesy in sending them.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Dr. E. E. Pratt,
Chief of Bureau
Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce.

May 31, 1917.

Mr. T. N. Keeran,
Red Oak, Iowa.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 29th instant I beg to say that a twenty dollar gold piece contains exactly twenty dollars worth of gold when it leaves the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 31, 1917.

Maritz Jewelry Manufacturing Company,
217 North Sixth St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 29th instant I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Section of the Penal Code which prohibits the illustration of coins for advertizing purposes.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

May 31, 1917.

Mr. Colin Mackenzie Mackall,
911 St. Paul Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 30th instant I beg to say that scrap jewelry, or scrap gold and silver will be received at the U. S. Assay Office, New York, in quantities valued at $100 and over, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States after charges have been deducted for fitting the material for coinage purposes.

Goods should be shipped express or postage prepaid, and letter of advice should accompany the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 1, 1917.

United States Smelting Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City.

Silver purchased for delivery at Mint San Francisco should be sent to Superintendent U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal. Blank form of voucher being mailed.

Baker
Director Mint.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 1, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive bids until 2 o'clock, Wednesday, June 5th, upon the delivery of approximately 200,000 ounces of fine silver to each of the following named institutions:-

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
U. S. Assay Office, New York, N. Y.

You are invited to bid.

Respectfully,

RT Baker

Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York, N. Y.

June 1, 1917.

Dann Brothers,
1546 East Broad Street,
New Castle, Indiana.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo I beg to say that the examination given the specimen sent by you indicated that none of the precious metals were present. The material appears to be brass.

I am enclosing a card which gives you the names of the institutions where assays are made for the public.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 1, 1917.

United States Smelting Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram, sent you to-day, is hereby confirmed,-

> "Silver purchased for delivery at Mint San Francisco, should be sent to Superintendent U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal. Blank form of voucher being mailed."

There is enclosed herewith the form of voucher to be used in rendering your account to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

Director of the Mint

ontingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1917.

ington Typewriter Company,

Washington, D. C.

June 1 7.

rintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

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| No. 11-B Remington Typewriters, Elite Type | Two | $87.50 | 175 00 |

175 00

Director of the Mint

June 2, 1917.

Mr. P. J. Mackedon,
Route 7, Station G.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter addressed to the Honorable William J. Cary, relative to the desilverizing of lead, I beg to suggest that you consult the Annual volumes on the MINERAL INDUSTRY copies of which will doubtlessly be found in the public libraries of Milwaukee.

Under separate cover I have taken pleasure in mailing you a copy of an article on "The Determination of Platinum in Ores."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 28-1917.

F. H. Chaffin -- 1918

Dr. F.P.Dewey,
Assayer, Bureau of the Mint,

Sir:-

Denver

The annual settlement of the United States Mint at Denver, is to begin on Wednesday, June 6th. 1917. You have been designated to act as chairman of the Committee. 17, 1918

You will obtain from the superintendent, on form 976, a statement certified to by the bookkeeper, of the gold and silver bullion, coin and other moneys on hand on a day agreed upon for the close of the settlement, which shall be as of June 30th.1917. A statement of balances at the beginning of the settlement will not be required as heretofore. 4

All of the bullion and coin on hand will be weighed or counted, by you to ascertain if the amounts called for by the books are on hand, but it will not be necessary to open the vaults containing coin or bullion now under joint seal of the Superintendent and the representatives of this Bureau, but you will accept the certificates, attached to the vaults, of the amount contained therein as correct. You will place under joint seal any coin desired by the Superintendent, and state the fact in your report.

As early as practical in the settlement you should make arrangements with the Superintendent regarding the receipt of deposits during the settlement.

In weighing the bullion delivered in settlement you will carefully note the character and quality of the same; whenever necessary you will take samples for check assays, but it should be noted that chip or drill samples of brittle bullion or bullion over 50 in base metals are liable to give assays differing from the reported fineness.

You are authorized to call upon the Treasurer of the United States for the balances in the checking accounts of the Superintendent. In order to get the information needed, request should made in time for preparation of depositary statements and for mail to reach you, from Washington, by the time the information is required for use; and your message should ask for the mailing of statements of checks paid and balances for all disbursing accounts of the Superintendent to the latest practicable date in order to surely reach you by the date required.

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You are directed to make careful inquiry into the possible sources of gain and loss of bullion in the different divisions of the institution, from the amount charged thereto per the bookkeeper's and other records; stating, so far as practicable, the results of mass melting, of making ingots more or less than 900 fine while accounting for them at 900; the quantity of silver not paid for in gold deposits containing less than 8 thousandths of silver, and the results from all other sounces of gain and loss that may come to your notice. Please reconcile these figures, giving estimates where necessary, with the net gains and losses for the year.

As required during the course of the settlement you will obtain from the officers, statements signed by them of the material in their possession, which you will use in checking off the material as delivered.

Before closing the settlement, you will obtain from each officer a certficate of delivery of material on Form 986. You will also obtain from each officer a statement of any coin, precious metal or minor coinage metal in his possession, but not charged to him on the books.

Form 900 and 901 will not be required by the settlement officers, but should be forwarded by the Superintendent to the Bureau as soon after the close of the settlement as possible.

Minor coinage metal, including ingots and clippings, will not be weighed by the Committee but will be accepted at the quantities certified by the bookkeeper if inspection by the Committee gives reasonable assurance that the quantity so certified is on hand, and if the records of quantity operated upon, reasonably support the wastage claimed.

The report of the committee should show:-

The quantities of the different kinds of metal delivered to the committee from the melting and refining and from the coinage departments, the amounts with which per bookkeeper's certificate on form 976, and the difference, whether gain or loss; the amounts delivered from other divisions of the institution and whether or not they agree with the bookkeeper's certificate; the amounts placed under joint seal; results of the inquiry into the sources of gain and loss with reasons, so far as obtainable, for any apparently excessive loss; and other matters of consequence, coming to the attention of the committee.

You will accept and forward with your report a certified inventory of the stores and other property under the control of the Superintendent; this inventory will not be completely checked but a general survey of the materials will be made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

American Smelting Refining Co., New York City. June 4, 1917.
American Metal Company, Ltd., " " "
United Metals Selling Co., New York City.
United States Smelting Co., New York City.
Zimmermann & Forshay, New York City.
Handy & Harman, New York City.

Bids upon delivery two hundred thousand ounces silver each to Philadelphia, San Francisco and New York invited for Wednesday June sixth.

Baker
Director, Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 2, 1917.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th of May relative to the recoveries of platinum in our refineries.

The greater part of the platinum recovered is obtained from deposits made at the New York Assay Office. I would suggest that you call upon the superintendent of that institution for whatever information he may be able to give you. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter which I have addressed to him.

The numismatic collection of the Mint at Philadelphia contains a specimen half dollar, made of platinum, which was coined from dies of the current half dollar of that time.

There are also in the collection specimens of Russian coins of the denominations of 12-rubles, 6-rubles and 3-rubles.

If the Curator of the Mint at Philadelphia can be of assistance to you I am sure he will glad respond to a note from you for date concerning the coins in his charge.

With personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

June 5, 1917.

Mr. F. S. Rice,
Hotel Imperial,
New York City.

Sir:

I am returning herewith, unopened, the package described in your letter of the 3rd instant and regret that we are not able to handle the same. There is no Mint in Washington. The institutions of the Mint service where deposits of gold are received are not required to take deposits which do not approximate in value $100.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1917.

Mr. Charles E. Fowler,
Wolcott, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry relative to platinum I beg to say that the Department is not in the market for that metal. The platinum in our possession is that recovered from large melts of bullion electrolytically treated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1917.

Mr. William H. Adams,
2941 Fait Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant I beg to advise you that Mr. Jacob Eckfeldt is the Assayer of U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Eckfeldt has held this position for over fifty years.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1917.

R. L. Heflin, Jr.,
C/o Heflin & Co.,
Sherman, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 25th of May, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has this day been referred to this Office, together with a package containing platinum ware.

I am returning the platinum and beg to advise you that the Government is not able to accept this deposit. We do not buy platinum independent of the other precious metals. The platinum in our possession is that recovered from large melts of gold treated electrolytically.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1917.

Mr. A. F. Cowles,
Vineland, N. J.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant I beg to advise you that the Government does not purchase silver in small quantities. Silver is purchased in lots of 100,000 ounces and over, upon competitive bids. Such purchases are made only when there is not a sufficient stock in the mints to meet the demands for subsidiary coinage.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 5, 1917.

G. Amsinck & Co., Inc.,
6 Hanover Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen;

Referring to your request for the manufacture of 4,000,000 5-centavo pieces for the Government of Ecuador I beg to submit the following:-

The charge for coinage, including working dies, will be $4.00 per 1,000 pieces. The weight of each piece to be three grams and the tolerance three grains. Metal, and boxes for packing will be extra. The master dies are in the Philadelphia Mint.

The metal required for this coinage will be 19,841.1428 lbs. av. electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 6,613.7143 lbs. av of nickel (99 nickel-cobalt contents). The metal can be supplied by the Mint, the price on June 2nd being $9,030.89.

Before the coinage can be begun it will be necessary for the above described to be delivered to the Mint, or the cost thereof paid in Philadelphia funds.

The coinage could not be undertaken until some time subsequent to July 1st, on account of the annual settlement about to begin at that institution. Delivery of the finished coins can be made one month after the instructions are given to execute the coinage.

It will be necessary for the duly accredited representative of the Ecuador Government to make application for the execution of this coinage through the State Department, and to name the agent to whom the coins is to be delivered.

Respectfully,

RTBaker

Director of the Mint.

Director of the Mint

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June 7 7.

Brothers

825 H St., N. E. Washington, D.C.

or of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Acid, nitric -

(b) C. p., sp. 1.42, in 7-pound bottles;

five bottles Five bottles

Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1917.

Gentlemen:

This Office will receive bids until the close of business, Monday, June 11, 1917, upon the delivery to the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, of five tons of screen shot nickel for the minor coinage, the price to include delivery to the Mint Building, and you are invited to make proposal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
New York City.

June 8, 1917.

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise this Bureau as early as possible of the rates at which you will furnish to the Mint at San Francisco, California, the following graphite goods:-

### Crucibles.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sizes------- | #6 | #8 | #20 | #50 | #80 | #100 |
| Quantity---- | 100 | 50 | 20 | 50 | 50 | 200 |

### Dippers.

#3, ----------------------100
#3 Special 6" --------100

### Covers.

#80, ------------------ 50

### Stirrers.

6 inch --------------- 30

14-3/4 inch ------------ 20

Bell Plungers ---------- 50

Please quote on delivery to the Mint Building, San Francisco, and also f.o.b. point of shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

June 8, 1917.

G. Amsinck & Co.,
P. O. Box 242,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith the draft enclosed in your letter of the 7th instant.

The amount named in my letter of the 5th instant was the value of the required metal at the time of writing. The value of the metals necessary for the manufacture of the 4,000,000 5-centavo pieces may vary from this amount at the time the order is received by the Mint.

No preliminary work can be done upon the order, and it cannot be accepted by us until the request comes through the State Department to this Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1917.

Dr. F. E. Harper,
Angola, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing a vial of platinum.

I regret to be obliged to return the same to you, but do so with the assurance that your patriotism, and the thought which prompted you to send the metal, are deeply appreciated by this Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1917.

Mr. Orville Wisehart,
Shirley, Indiana.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the package containing sample for assay, and regret to advise you that there is no Assay Office connected with the Government in Washington where assays are made for the public.

An assay of this material will be made for you at the U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D., at a charge of $1.00 for the determination of gold and silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1917.

Mr. Robert Uhler,
Otsego, Michigan.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I beg to advise you that the Government does not buy platinum . That which we have is recovered from large melts of gold bullion treated electrolytically.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1917.

Mr. F. Gurley,
Crawford, Kansas.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the specimen sent for analysis, and regret to advise you that there is no assay office in connection with the Government at Washington. If you will send the material to the U. S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S. D., the same will be analyzed for whatever value it contains. A charge is made for doing such work, and the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Deadwood will inform you as to the amount.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1917.

Mr. T. F. Baily,
President,
The Electric Furnace Company
of America,
Alliance, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 1st instant relative to a casting table and molds used in the casting of slabs in the Mint at Philadelphia, I beg to say that the Superintendent of that institution will be glad to provide you with a set of the blue prints of the casting table and molds if you will request him to do so.

A copy of this letter is being mailed to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1917.

Mr. Horace D. Ashton,
The Argus Laboratories, Inc.,
220 West 42nd St.,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant relative to securing pictures of the operations of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, I beg to say that the Superintendent of that institution will be given authority to permit the photographing of such operations as will be of interest to the public, and not interfere with the interests of the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 11,1917.

Dear Mr. Leech:

I am enclosing herewith transportation orders in accordance with your request.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Mr. E. P. Leech,
Chairman Settlement Committee,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

June 11, 1917.

Mr. W. B. Taylor,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I beg to say that an act of Congress would be required to issue a coin of another denomination than those now in circulation. Several bills have been introduced proposing the coinage of a 2½ cent piece, but no legislation has been effected.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1917.

Mr. F. Spencer,
Librarian National City Bank,
New York City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant I beg to say that the last edition of the pamphlet "monetary Systems of the Principal Countries of the World." is exhausted. A new edition is now in the hands of the printer. Your name is on the mailing list for several copies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1917.

Mrs. Julia Heath, President,
National Housewives' League, Inc.,
25 West 45th Street,
New York City.

Madam:

Will you please forward to this Office two copies each of circulars issued by you for general circulation, particularly those covering menus.

If you will advise me of whatever expense is involved remittance will be made.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure;
Stamp.

June 11, 1917.

Mr. A. B. Nichols,
P. O. Box 1412
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th instant I beg to say that the manufacture of proof coins has been discontinued. Formerly "proof coins" were struck from specially prepared blanks on a medal press, which gave them a lustre. The coins of new design are not suseptible of this treatment.

I would suggest that your friend might obtain "uncirculated coins" by applying to the bank. Coin collectors are keeping up their collections by adding the uncirculated pieces.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 11, 1917.

Mr. D. H. Kenaga,
217 Federal Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant with clipping attached, relative to the coinage of a 2½-cent piece.

Several bills have been introduced in Congress looking to the issue of a coin of another denomination than those in circulation, but no legislation has been effected.

The Department has made no recommendation.

Respectfully,

RTBaker

Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1917.

The International Nickel Company,
43 Exchange Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter or correspondence with Mr. Bernard Baruch, Council of National Defence, under date of April 24th, on the subject of nickel, I beg to say that I desire to avail myself of the right to purchase nickel for the minor coinage, and have to request that you will receive an order for five tons, screen shot nickel, delivered to the Mint of the United States at Denver, for the price quoted by your Mr. Hardesty, namely, $0.42542 per lb.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1917.

Mr. J. Pere,
Hotel Benson,
Ross, California.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant I beg to say that the government is not in the market for platinum. That which we have in the Mint institutions has been recovered from large melts of gold bullion electrolytically treated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1917.

Mrs. L. K. Aldersley,
147 Union St.,
Napa, California.

Madam:

Your letter of the 2nd instant, addressed to the President, has been referred to this Bureau.

I regret that it is not within my power to appoint to positions in the Mint service which are governed by civil service examination.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1917.

Major Earl I. Brown, U. S. A.,
Panama Canal Purchasing Department,
War Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $37.00, covering the cost of making 100 medals.

In payment of the account please cause settlement to be made, crediting the following amounts to the appropriations for the Mint at Philadelphia, 1917;-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen ------------- | $32.09 | |
| Contingent Expenses ---------- | 4.91 | $37.00 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1917.

The Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $0.66, covering the cost of re-arranging two bars on a West Indian Campaign Medal for John Kealy.

In payment of this account please cause transfer to be made to the following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1917.-

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen ---------- | $0.36 |
| Contingent Expenses, ----- | .30 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 12, 1917.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Post Office Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith three vouchers, one for $420.50 and two for $240.20 each, covering the cost of making and shipping 90 embossed stamped envelope dies.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made placing the following sums to the credit of the appropriations for the support of the Mint at Philadelphia, 1917:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen | $227.40 | |
| " " | 227.27 | |
| " " | 398.91 | $853.58 |
| Contingent Expenses | 12.80 | |
| " " | 21.59 | |
| " " | 12.93 | 47.32 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1917.

Mr. John E. Humphreys,
Truxillo, Honduras, C. A.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the two small bottles enclosed in your letter of the 1st instant, and regret to advise you that there is no institution connected with the Government in Washington where such deposits are received. The institutions of the Mint service throughout the country are not required to receive deposits which do not approximate in value $100. The charges for treating such small deposits separately would be out of proportion to their value. to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1917.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant enclosing a letter from the National Special Aid Society relative to the receipt by the Mint of jewelry and dental scrap, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the activities of the Society.

The United States Assay Office at New York, where we have a refinery in constant operation, could handle the material described, and make payment for the same by check on the Treasurer of the United States for the value of the gold and silver contents. A nominal charge for melting, etc., which we are required by the regulations to impose, would be deducted from the value of the deposit. The charges, however, are nominal only.

The law would not permit the use of franked envelopes by depositors. Over this phase of the matter we would have no jurisdiction.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
405 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

June 13, 1917.

Dr. William F. Murphy,
1061 Elm Street,
Manchester, N. H.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant I beg to say that the Government is not in the market for platinum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1917.

The Curator of Anthropology,
Public Museum of the City of Milwaukee,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant I beg to say that the 1902 edition of the Report of the Director of the Mint is exhausted.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 15, 1917.

J. H. Gautier Company
Jersey City, N. J.

When may we expect reply to letter relative graphite goods San Francisco delivery.

Director.

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VERNMENT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2139.

Director of the Mint

Minor Coinage Metal Fund, Mint of the United States at Denver.

he International Nickel Company, June 14 7

43 Exchange Place, New York City.

perintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Five (5) tons Screen Shot Nickel | | Per lb. |
| | Lb | $0.42542 |

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1917.

Subject - Accounts.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint with supporting subvouchers, for putting in good order one balance for weighing coin, for use by the Collector of Internal Revenue at New York.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the appropriations named in the amounts indicated:

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1917 - - | $23.25 |
| Contingent Expenses, do - - | 1.95 |
| | $25.20 |

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1917.

Mr. Edgar Fuller,
2015 Charleston Street,
Mattoon, Illinois.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant relative to the issue of a 2½-cent piece.

No authority has been granted by Congress for the issue of such a piece, and no coinage is under consideration of other denominations than those now current.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1917.

Subject - Accounts.

The Commandant,
The Coast Guard.
Washington.

Sir:

Will you kindly advise this office whether settlement has been made, if so giving the settlement number and date, for 30 medals with cases furnished by the Philadelphia Mint and billed you by this office under date August 22, 1916. The amount of the bill is $152.96.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1917.

Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department, Washington.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the San Francisco Mint in the sum of $12.63, covering cost of 25 boxes used in shipping coin to the Philippine Islands.

Please cause this sum to be deposited in the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1917.

Mr. R. V. D. Magoffin,
Johns Hopkins University,
Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant I beg to submit the following relative to the coins of new designs recently issued:-

The half dollar and the dime were designed by Adolph Weinman, New York City.

The quarter dollar was designed by Mr. Hermon A. MacNeil, College Point, Long Island.

The quarter dollars were issued in December, 1916, and the half dollars and dimes in January, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 16, 1917.

Subject - Accounts.

Chief Forester, U. S. Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the U. S. Assay Office at Salt Lake City for assay of ore samples during the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1916, in the sum of $4.25.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting appropriations as below in the amounts indicated:

Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at Salt Lake, 1917 - $3.50
Contingent Expenses, do do - .75

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1917.

Subject - Accounts.

The Commissioner,
General Land Office,
Washington.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding two bills, in amounts $15.20 and $3.64, covering cost of assaying samples of ores submitted by agents of your office to the U. S. Assay Offices at Salt Lake City and Deadwood, the latter during the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1916, and the former during the current quarter.

Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the following appropriations in the amounts indicated:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wages of Workmen, Assay Office | at Salt Lake, 1917 | - | $10.00 |
| Contingent Expenses, | do do | - | 5.20 |
| Wages of Workmen, Assay Office | at Deadwood, 1917 | - | 2.31 |
| Contingent Expenses, | do do | - | 1.33 |

Respectfully,

F

Director of the Mint.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

TTEN

Washington,

June 18, 1917.

United States Smelting Co.,
120 Broadway
New York City.

June ninth Assistant Treasurer New York authorized pay you seventy-seven thousand dollars San Francisco account. Inquire of him.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.Mint.

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1917.

RY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------------------------------------

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 18, 1917.

United States Smelting Co.,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 16th instant I beg to say that the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has this day been authorized to make payment to you for silver delivered on order of May 24th at $0.76½ cents per ounce, 999 fine.

The Superintendent has been instructed that this is being done for the reason that, through a misunderstanding, you bid on that basis.

I beg to say, however, that bids are invited on a basis of 1000 fine, but as you did not understand this allowance will be made in this instance. Future bids should be made on the basis of 1000 fine silver.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint

By

Acting Director.

June 20, 1917.

The Publishers,
NEW YORK EVENING POST,
New York City.

Gentlemen;

Owing to our limited appropriation for contingent expenses during the coming fiscal year I regret that we will be obliged to discontinue our subscription to the Saturday edition of the NEW YORK EVENING POST from and after July 1, 1917.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 20, 1917.

The Publishers,
THE NATION
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Owing to our limited appropriation for contingent expenses for the coming fiscal year, I regret that it will be necessary for us to discontinue our subscription to the NATION from and after July 1, 1917.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 20, 1917.

The Publishers,
The Times,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I regret that the limited appropriation provided for our use will require us to discontinue our subscription to the TIMES, daily and Sunday, from and after July 1, 1917.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 20, 1917.

The Publishers,
WALL STREET JOURNAL,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Owing to our limited appropriation for the coming year I regret that it will be necessary for us to discontinue the subscription of this Bureau to the WALL STREET JOURNAL from and after July 1, 1917.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 21, 1917.

Wells Fargo & Co. Express,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your bill No. 9492-D I have to invite attention to an overcharge on item Bill of Lading 91178, 4/17, 18 lbs., $1.83. This charge is for 28 lbs., the weight carried in the body of the B/L. I am just informed by the shipper that the correct weight is 18 lbs., the quantity acknowledged to have been received by the consignee.

Your bill No. 9492-D has therefore been forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for settlement, with my approval for $30.90 instead of $31.43 as rendered, the difference, 53¢, being the amount of the overcharge.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker, Director of the Mint,

By

Acting Director.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

TEN:

Washington,

June 22, 1917.

athan Bartley Crucible Company
Trenton, N. J.

San Francisco wants regular number eighty crucible.

lease hasten bids. Desire to make award before close fiscal year.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

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DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------------------------------------

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington,

June 22, 1917.

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
Reno, Nevada.

Business of Mint Bureau going smoothly. Ashbrook ccomplished nothing on bill. Expects to be heard after River Harbor ll is passed, possibly next week. Letters await you San Francisco.

O.Reilly

Dept. Ex. Mint Bureau 1917.

APPROPRIATION FOR ........................................

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL [illegible]

June 22, 1917.

Auditor for Treasury Department,
Washington.

Sir:

I beg to withdraw and request that you return to this office an account approved the 15th instant for transfer settlement, of the cost of overhauling and shipping a hydraulic press from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Assay Office at New York, $815.20.

Respectfully,
R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint,
By
Acting Director.

June 22, 1917.

Mr. E. P. Leech,
Chairman, Settlement Committee,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Leech:

Your account for travel and subsistence expenses has been approved and forwarded to the Secretary's Office for his approval. We are obliged, however, to adjust the item of Pullman charges to bring the amount within the regular Pullman fare from Denver to Washington, which is $10.00. The two items in your account, $7.50 and $4.40, make an excess charge of $1.90 which will have to be deposited to the credit of out contingent fund. If you will forward that amount to the Bureau the deposit will be made.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 22, 1917.

The Mercantile Bank of the Americas,
38 Pine Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I beg to say that the price at which copper and nickel for the coinage of a million five-centavo pieces for the Republic of Salvador could be supplied at the rates for the metals named on June 18th, would be $3,762.88. As the prices of the metals change from day to day, this sum is subject to alteration.

The estimate is made on the basis of manufacturing a coin composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel, weighing 5 grams.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 23, 1917.

The Auditor
for the Treasury.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith original of contract for supplying the Mint of the United States at Denver with electric current during the fiscal year 1917.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN:

Washington,

June 25, 1917.

than Bartley Crucible Co.,

Trenton, N. J.

Your bid made on number sixty instead number eighty ers, Please forward bid on number eighty cover.

O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

Mint Bureau cont. 1917.

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ENT RATES,
URY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ..........................................................................
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

June 25, 1917.

W. A. Bentley,
McAdenville, N. C.

Sir:

Your recent communication, addressed to Hon. W. A. Webb, House of Representatives, has been forwarded to this Office.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint which will give you the coinage since the opening of our mint. There is also enclosed a copy of the Circulation statement which gives the per capita circulation in the United States.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 25, 1917.

Mr. W. B. Day,
P. O. Box No. 7,
McRoberts, Ky.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant I beg to say that burned gold coin could not be redeemed. It would be purchased at its bullion value which would have to be determined by melt and assay. If the pieces are very small the charges would be out of proportion to the value, and it would not be received. If the deposit approximates $100 in value it will be received at the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, and paid for by check on the Treasurer of the United States. There is no place in Washington where such deposits are received.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,

Director of the Mint.

By M O'Reilly

Acting Director.

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

June 27, 1917.

J. Pollak,
Maricopa, Cal.

Hon. Ray T. Baker away from city for next two weeks.

two one three ~~[illegible]~~ Mountain Avenue, Piedmont, Cal.

O'Reilly

Secretary.

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NT RATES,
Y DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ..................................................................................

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.

June 27, 1917.

The United States Smelting Company,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

On June 6th, 1917, this office accepted from you 200,000 ounces of silver for delivery to the San Francisco Mint at 77 cents per ounce, and 200,000 ounces for delivery to the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of 75-7/8 cents per ounce.

Will you please advise this Office what amount of silver has been delivered to the Mint at Philadelphia on this order, and what amount, if any is due that institution.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 27, 1917.

The Chase Metal Works,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant I beg to say that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been authorized to furnish you with blue prints of the casting table referred to by you, upon payment of the cost of the prints.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 27, 1917.

Hon. Eduardo Higginson,
Consul General of Peru,
New York City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, has been referred by him to this Office.

Replying to your inquiries relative to the cost of executing coinage for the Government of Peru, the following is submitted:-

The master dies and hubs for the 1, 2, and 5-cent pieces, of a design similar in character to the Cuban coins of the same denominations, would cost $300.00 for each coin, and those for the 10 and 20-cent pieces, to be of a more elaborate design, would cost $400.00 each, or a total of $1700.00 for the five coins. About four months would be required to get the dies ready for coinage.

The cost of coining would be -

| | Per 1000 pieces. |
|---|---|
| 1-cent ---------------- | $4.00 |
| 2-cent ---------------- | 4.00 |
| 5-cent ---------------- | 4.00 |
| 10-cent ---------------- | 5.00 |
| 20-cent ---------------- | 6.50 |

Tolerance to be the same as U. S. coins.

These prices include working dies, but not the metal, or kegs or boxes for packing.

It is understood that the 1, 2 and 5-cent pieces are to be composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel, and are to weigh 2-1/2, 3-1/2 and 5 grams respectively, and the ten and twenty cent pieces are to be of standard silver and weigh 2-1/2 and 5 grams. The tolerance is the same as United States coins.

The metal required for 250,000 each of the 1, 2 and 5-cent pieces would be 4546.9289 lbs. av. of electrolytic copper (99.90 copper contents) and 1515.6425 lbs' av. of nickel (99 nickel-cobalt contents).

The silver required for 250,000 ten-cent pieces and 1,000,000 twenty-cent pieces would be 162,759.38 ounces, 1,000 fine. The copper used as alloy in the silver coins is included in the price given for coinage.

The copper, nickel and silver for the coinage must be in the Mint before the coinage can be begun.

The copper and nickel can be supplied by the Mint if a sufficient amount of money is deposited in the mint to cover the cost, which, June 26th, would have been $2,069.58, but this figure will vary according to the cost of the metal upon the day the order may be given.

The silver cannot be supplied by the Mint.

The coinage could be executed in about a month after the dies were prepared.

It is understood, of course, that no preliminary preparations would be made for the execution of this coinage until the request for the same reached this Department through our State Department.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker
Director of the Mint
By M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

June 27, 1917.

Mr. A. F. Nagle,
720 West Water Street,
Elmira, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant suggesting the manufacture of a coin or coins made of steel. Any change that might be made in the composition or alloy of our coins would require the sanction of Congress.

Thanking you for your letter, which has been read with interest, and for your suggestions regarding the coinage, I am

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 27, 1917.

The Director
of the Bureau of
Engraving and Printing.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant requesting that silver scrap be manufactured by the Mint at Philadelphia into silver plates of given dimensions.

If you will cause the scrap silver to be sent to the Mint at Philadelphia the Superintendent of that institution will proceed immediately with the preparation of the strips you desire.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 29, 1917.

The United States Smelting Company,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant relative to shipments of silver to the Philadelphia Mint on the June 5th purchase by this Office.

Some confusion arose at Philadelphia as to the amount to be delivered, and your letter of the 28th has cleared the matter.

You are not required to send copies of the invoices to this Bureau.

I thank you for the trouble you have taken for us in this matter.

Rezpectfully,

R. T.Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 29, 1917.

Mr. George V. Welsh,
Fort Riley, Kansas.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 27th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau.

It is understood that you are to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver for leave of absence, - the May pay roll showing that you have been paid up to the close of the month. The records of this Office show that you have had 19 days, four hours and 30 minutes up to the close of May.

A letter has this day been addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver in regard to your further leave. You will be advised as soon as reply has been received from him.

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Director of the Mint.

By M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director.

June 29, 1917.

Auditor for the Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Claim for transfer settlement, in amount $1,017.29 is returned herewith, attention invited to letter of Superintendent of Philadelphia Mint, dated 28th. inst..

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker,
Director of the Mint.

By, M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director.

June 29, 1917.

Mr. W. H. Clark,
Scale Repairer,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to visit the United States Assay Office at Seattle, Washington for the purpose of overhauling and putting in condition the scales and balances in that institution.

This service is to be rendered by you at a period during the coming fiscal year agreed upon by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco and the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Seattle.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at Seattle, 1918".

Respectfully,

R. T. Baker

Approved:

Director of the Mint.

By M M O'Reilly

Acting Director.

Assistant Secretary.